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Allegations Of Serious British Cabinet Crisis

KING CAROL AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Bucharest, To-day.

A council of ministers, presided over by King Carol, was held here yesterday, a number of important measures being decided upon.

The new Premier is to undertake reform of the oath of allegiance, which in future will be based only on the legal oath.

State officials in future will not be allowed to participate in political demonstrations, while the press is to be thoroughly purged by suppression of "noxious" organs and investigation of the sources of income of different papers.—Trans-Ocean.

PUTSCH LEADER PARDONED

Kovno, To-day.

The former Lithuanian Prime Minister, Professor Boldemaras, sentenced to 12 years' penal servitude for the leading part he played in the unsuccessful military putsch of 1934, has been pardoned by the President of Lithuania.

The pardon was granted in connection with the celebration of the 20th anniversary of recovery of Lithuanian independence.—Trans-Ocean.

MORE UNPLEASANT WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan and another is developing over the Yangtse Valley.

The depression has increased considerably in intensity. It is situated over south Japan, moving north eastward.

Local forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally some drizzle or light rain.

SUNDAY PAPER STATES FOREIGN SECRETARY MAY RESIGN

London, To-day.

British Government quarters in close touch with the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, found it necessary to issue yesterday a categorical denial concerning rumours of a British Cabinet crisis or of serious differences of opinion between Mr. Chamberlain and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Eden, according to reports appearing in the press for some time past, have differed over the attitude to be adopted towards Italy.

These differences, according to one newspaper, might even lead to Mr. Eden's resignation.

Now it is stated that collaboration between Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Eden is "extremely close."

Issuing of the denial followed reports in yesterday's newspapers, of a split in the Cabinet.

The "Sunday Express" even went so far as to declare that a "first class crisis" threatens the Cabinet, first of all on the question of when Britain should take up talks with Signor Mussolini, and, secondly, whether Britain should recognise the conquest of Abyssinia by Italy.

STRONG ANTI-PATHY

In this connection, asserts the "Sunday Express," strong anti-pathy exists between Mr. Eden and Signor Mussolini, and the paper says that Mr. Chamberlain is in favour of granting Italy financial credits, or loans, while Mr. Eden believes that such credits or loans would merely be used to increase armaments.

The "Sunday Despatch" also reports that at any moment the conflict might develop in the Cabinet, and adds that Mr. Eden wishes to proceed slowly and in common with other League of Nations Powers according to the traditional course of British diplomacy.

CABINET MEETING

At the last Cabinet meeting, when the question was raised of whether the British Government should approach Germany before or after the Reichstag assembly, these differences of opinion had suddenly broken out.

The "Sunday Despatch" de-

clares that Mr. Chamberlain does not want by any means to lose Mr. Eden, but that if it is found impossible to arrive at an agree-

BELGIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

Brussels, To-day.

Belgian diplomatic representatives from London, Berlin, Rome, Paris, Prague, Ankara, St. Jean de Luz, Barcelona, The Hague and Vienna, met here yesterday under the chairmanship of the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Spaak.

The deliberations lasted the whole day and covered the entire European political field.—Trans-Ocean.

ment on such fundamental questions of policy, Mr. Eden will have to resign or accept some other post in the Cabinet.

The paper alleges that in addition, Lord Swinton (Secretary for Air), Sir Samuel Hoare (Home Secretary) and Mr. A. Duff Cooper (First Lord of the Admiralty) may become involved in the complications.—Trans-Ocean.

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Don't Look Back.....

March With The Times

To many people's minds, time is an enemy—something to be defeated, kept at bay. Every time they drink a New Year in they shudder to think that an old year has gone out; birthdays bring a pang to their hearts, and they would stop the clocks if they could.

But Time marches on and, like the moon which draws the sea over the sands, we must march with it.

The days when a woman was a hopeless spinster at twenty-eight or an elderly matron at forty, are past. We have discovered that the secret of eternal youth is in changing ourselves with the years. Instead of clinging to the looks and clothes of twenty when we've reached thirty, we overhaul ourselves, adjust our outlook and find that it is not time which can rob us of youth, but our attitude towards life.

Whatever your age may be, you'll find you always hold a few trump cards in the pack. It's up to you to find out your trumps and play up to them.

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20 At twenty you have a charming girlishness. Your winning card is your youth, so choose filmily organdie rather than clinging satin. Wear your hair in a simple, young style, be moderate about make-up and avoid eye shadows or any of the effects which are sophisticated. Don't try to copy your married sister or your favourite aunt!

In the daytime you won't need much make-up, because young skins are lovely in themselves, but at night, when electric light steals the flush from your cheeks, you can indulge your longing for a bit of rouge, and you'll look all the prettier for it.

Go easy on jewellery—the Victorians considered that fresh flowers were the only suitable ornaments for girls, and since a woman's whole aim then was marriage, you can reckon your grandmother knew a bit about being attractive!

30 At thirty, shuffle the cards and put the "baby" look right at the bottom of the pack. What do you find on top? A certain sophistication which means that you can wear those dashing frocks you've hankered after. You're young enough to be adventurous and able to bring it off!

Change your hairdressing to something really individual and experiment with a make-up which adds to your glamour. Now's the time to wear tricky nail varnish and a touch of eye shadow. You've said good-bye to little-girl ideas, but you've gained just the things you longed for ten years ago.

You're vivid and gay and you've got your sense of values in good order.

40 Forty finds your personality in full bloom. You've laughed and cried, known joy and sorrow. Now your face is the true reflection of your character.

A sense of humour will have

traced laughter lines around your eyes (don't confuse these character-marks with premature wrinkles); a sympathetic nature will have made your mouth sensitive and beautiful; a job well done will have squared your shoulders and given poise to your bearing.

You'll want quieter clothes, which rely on perfect cut and finish for their effect. You can be as smart as ever, but your taste will veer more towards frocks which suit your style than those which are merely fashionable.

You'll modify your hairdressing if you're wise, avoiding bitty or untidy effects; try to develop a *soignée* look. You'll be careful in your choice of a foundation garment, do your daily dozen with real regularity and for several years now you'll have taken good care (I hope!) of your skin.

Result—a beautifully-groomed, individually-dressed woman with lots of friends of both sexes, who all declare that she's grown a hundred per cent better looking in the last ten years than she's ever been before.

* * *

50 And now, what of the fifties? Here is the time when you can sit back, take stock and enjoy leisure for, maybe, the first time in your life. Your children are probably grown-up and perhaps have babies of their own. You've reached the age when you can please yourself about the way you live, without worrying about other people's criticisms. You have endless interests, not merely in looking back at the past, but in the enjoyment of the present and anticipation of grand, full years ahead.

You've modified your coiffure and wear your hair in deep waves which frame your face. If you have white hair you make it glisten with a blue rinse and wonder why that first greyiness ever gave you a pang.

You'll use a soft make-up with warm-toned powder and rather natural lipstick. You'll avoid severe clothes and take to more flowing lines, and you'll keep your wardrobe small, but very, very good.

You'll find that beautiful furs suit you better than ever before, and you'll look in the glass and wonder why you used to think that you'd feel old at fifty. Life blossoms into its full glory in and after middle age.

Time marches on and we, if we are wise, march with it. We change our outlook, our clothes, our beauty routine, and our desires with each decade that passes. Instead of looking back, look forward.

HONEY TOAST

Honey toast is delicious for tea in the winter time. Cut the bread very thin, toast it well, and then butter it liberally. Spread with honey and put back under the griller for a moment. Serve piping hot.

Honey is good, too, as a substitute for sugar, with the breakfast porridge and with grape fruit.



Hair dressings that are becoming to the not-so-young are shown. The upward trend is the thing of the moment and has a certain dignity and charm. In the centre sketch the hair is drawn up from the back and arranged in curls on the crown, with a bolster curl on the forehead. The first coiffure, also, has the hair taken up at the back and away from the forehead, in this case, to form two low, close curls across the top of the head. Centre parting and sausage curls forming a kind of halo is another new coiffure style.

SOMETHING SWEET FOR SUPPER?

Here are a few suggestions:—

HEDGEHOG CAKE

Ingredients: 3 oz. flour, 3 eggs, 4 oz. caster sugar, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 3 tablespoonfuls lemon cheese, few drops vanilla essence, blanched almonds, chocolate icing.

Whisk eggs and sugar well together. Add flour, baking powder and essence. Mix all well together. Spread mixture evenly on a greased Swiss roll tin and bake in a hot oven for seven minutes. Turn out on to a sugared cloth. Trim off edges and spread lemon cheese on evenly. Roll up tightly. Cut one end of roll to a point for the nose. Spread the chocolate icing over

evenly. Stick the almonds all over to look like the spines. Two glace cherries for the eyes and a piece of angelica for mouth. Very nice for children's parties.—Mrs. A. Cole, 44, Ashill-rd., Rednal, Birmingham.

YULETIDE

Ingredients: 1½ lb. flour, 14 oz. butter, 14 oz. sugar, 1 lb. 2 oz. currants, ½ lb. raisins, ½ lb. sultanas, ¼ lb. mixed peel, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1 teaspoonful allspice, 3 eggs, milk.

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and other ingredients and enough milk to make it soft enough to put in tin. Bake in moderate oven. A nice flavoured cake, not too rich.—Miss A. Robinson, 55, Atkinson-rd., Sunderland.

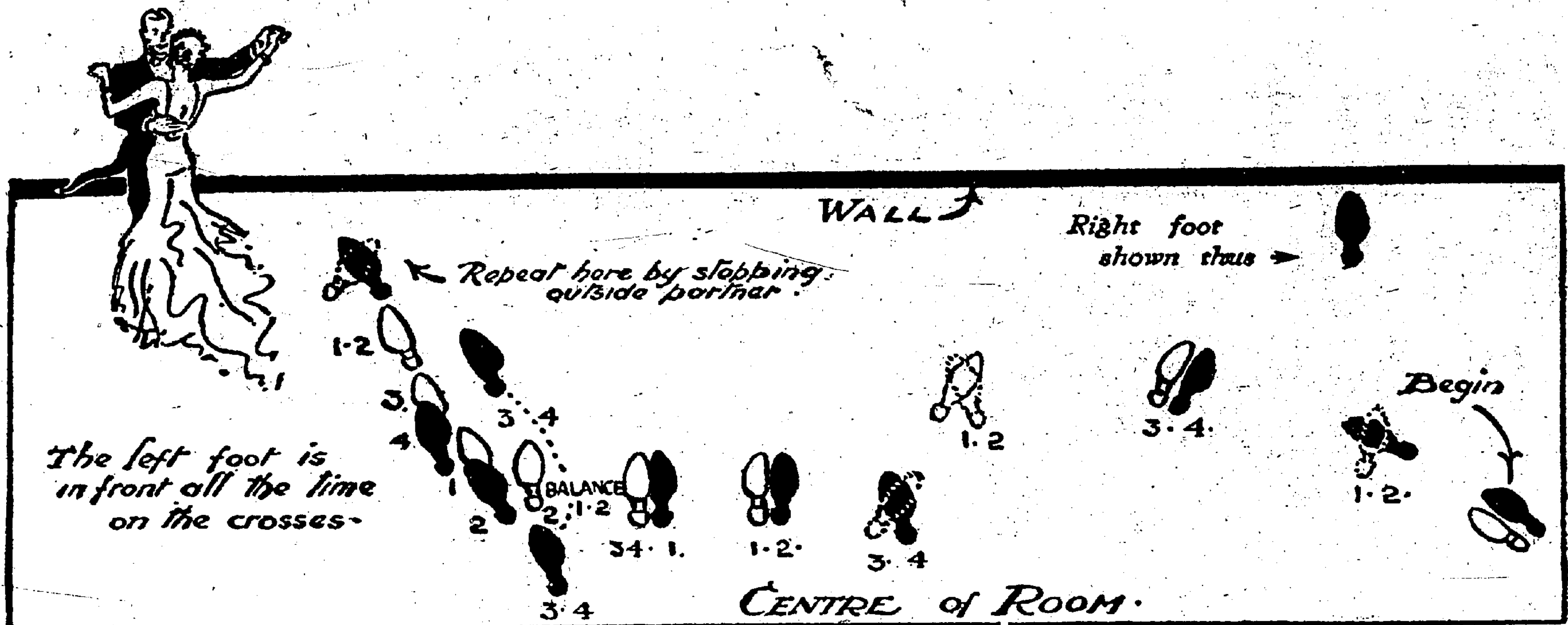
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DANCING FOR HEALTH

If you have dropped arches or weakened insteps you cannot afford to ignore them.

You may take to special "supports," but at the same time, it is wise to strengthen the muscles with exercise, or they may become permanently lazy.

Dancing is so much more fun, especially to quick fox-trot time, and this dance is suggested by Mme. Adele Collier, creator of dance rhythms, as it has curative results and is slenderising to the ankles, as well as being a dance to be enjoyed at home or in the ballroom.

Practically the whole of the dance is performed on the toes, forcing the instep into action.

Take Position

(Gentleman's step. Women's step Very short step to side with left

A Cure For Foot Defects

is counterpart, beginning on opposite foot).

Turn diagonally to the right.

Step forward on right foot, turning a quarter of a turn on it to the right—count 1, 2.

Short step to the side with left foot on toe—count 3.

Close right foot to left foot on toes (one bar)—count 4.

Step back on left foot—count 1, 2.

Step back on right foot, turning to face wall—count 3, 4.

Very short step to side with left on toes—count 1.

Close right to left on toes—count

on toes—count 3, 4.

Close right to left on toes—count

1.

Very short step to side, with left on toes—count 2.

Step forward outside partner on right foot—count 3, 4.

Balance on left foot, heel up—count 1, 2.

Step back on right foot—count 3, 4.

Very short step forward on toes, still outside with left—count 1.

Cross right in behind left on toes—count 2.

Very short step forward on left foot, on toes—count 3.

Cross right in behind left on toes—count 4.

Step forward on left—

Repeat by stepping forward outside partner on right foot, and continue as desired.

CORRECT SHOES

When dancing, for love of it or for health, the shoes you wear contribute tremendously to your grace and ease.

The foot should be adequately supported, heels fit snugly and fronts permit perfect freedom for the muscles while dancing.

A high heel, on a well-balanced shoe, is not detrimental to walking or dancing. It is the balance of the shoe which decides the foot-comfort.

WORTH NOTING

If a little castor sugar is sprinkled over the leaves when chopping mint, it will be found to chop more quickly and easily.

"Don't throw away your old newspapers or magazines. Tear them up (children love to do this) and steep in a bath of water till the paper is quite soft and mashy. Then squeeze out and mould into balls or squares and leave to dry. These burn very well in your fire, last quite a long time and throw out a good heat."

Did you know that when hot water is poured over egg-shells and cooled, then poured on to the roots of house plants, they thrive wonderfully?

Here's a good way of cleaning windows, mirrors and nickel-plate. Wash with a newspaper that has been dipped into soapy water. Polish immediately with dry crumpled up newspapers, and you'll have clean, sparkling windows after only a few minutes' work.

Save all your soap ends. When you've got a good number cut them up small and put them into a cup, up to about half an inch from the brim. Then fill the cup with boiling water, just enough to cover the soap. Leave till next day, when the soap and water will have set into a block. Turn the soap block out on

JUST A THOUGHT

FRIENDSHIP

To have a friend—a friend who never fails, whose voice is cheering when the spirit ails. A friend who visits on a rainy day, and finding trouble, does not turn away. Who does not ask, but just extends a hand; does not condemn but tries to understand. Who keeps in confidence what has been told, and leaves the teller quietly consoled. Whose word is as the prologue to the deed. A friend who always helps a friend in need.

Beauty may fade, and wealth may come and go. Success may wane and rapture turn to woe. Such tales are sad, but not with anguish wrought, as trusted friendship that has fallen short. Plans may crumble, purposes be crossed—when friendship fails humanity is lost.

to paper (grease-proof paper is best) and leave for a few days to dry off. The block will easily come away from the cup if a thin knife is slipped around inside. The block can be cut up ready for use as soap tablets. This is economical, and tablets like these made of different coloured soap ends brighten up the bathroom a lot!

If you find cleaning brass taps very tiring try this: Clean the taps thoroughly and then apply a thin coating of copal varnish. This will last for months.

London's Latest Fad

Glass Eyes For Evening Wear

You have probably read that you can now change the colour of your eyes at will, and/or at a moment's notice, by means of a little lens slipped over the eyeball.

As they are intended for evening wear, they are known as Whoopee Eyes. This distinguishes them from Glad Eyes and Hooch Eyes. The invention, however, does not apply to Scotland, because no one had been found brave enough to wear tartan eyes. The distillery companies, too, raised an objection. They were afraid the sight of even one woman with tartan eyes would be enough to make thousands of customers swear off whisky for the rest of their lives.

AN UNWILLING PUPIL

These Whoopee Eyes were responsible for a surprising scene in a West End ballroom in London recently. A girl, her eyes sparkling like an old-fashioned glass candelabra, entered with a young man, who said to her:

"You look very beautiful to-night. Alluring, if you know what I mean."

She smiled and replied:

"Oh, that's all my eye."

"I beg your pardon."

"You needn't. I merely said 'That's all my eye.'"

"I thought that was what you

said. Well, if you're going to take my compliments that way—"

"Look," the girl said, becoming a little bit exasperated, "it is all my eye."

And with a deft twist of her pretty wrist and flick of her (right) forefinger she slipped a little lens from her effervescing eyeball. Her boy friend waited to see no more. He made an awful groaning noise and dived in full evening dress into the ornamental gold-fish pond.

So the whole evening was ruined.

Are You Susceptible To Colds?

Now is the season for colds and some people are more subject to them than others under identical conditions. This is due in a large measure to the person's vital power, the ability of the system to resist attacks. The treatment of colds therefore should be directed to preventing them, which is best done by invigorating the system and building up the general health.

The diet should be generous but not stimulating and articles of easy digestion should be chosen. Eight hours, at least, of sleep, preferably in the early part of the night, are essential. For medicine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are especially adapted because they build up the blood, strengthen the nerves and tone up the organs of digestion. You can get them at your chemist.

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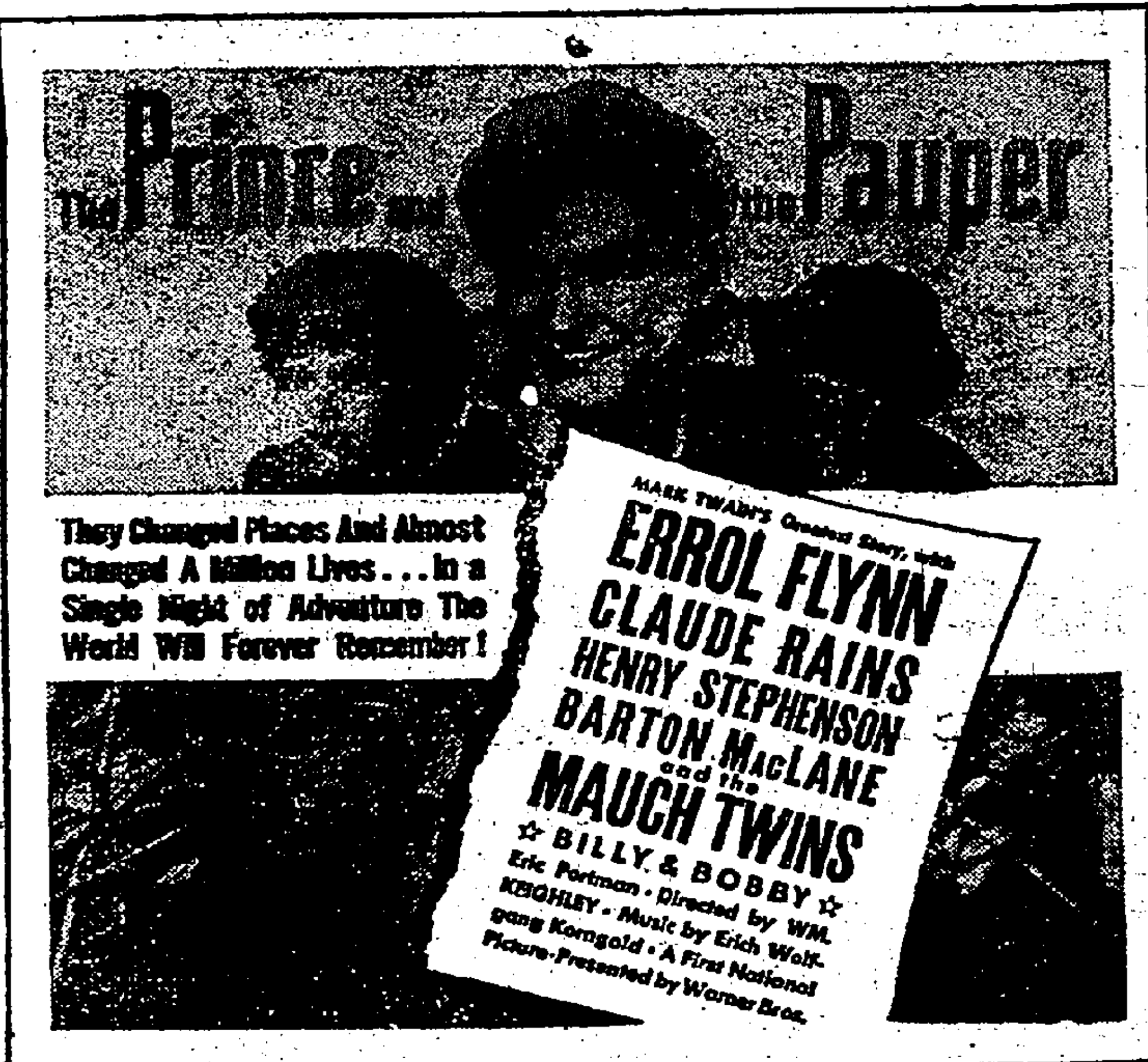
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ment before their terms had ex-
pired, Leung Choi and Lo Chung
were sentenced to four years' hard
labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lind-
sell at the Criminal Sessions this
morning.Liu Choi was sentenced to five
years and Leung Sang to three
years' imprisonment for the same
offence.The R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" from Manila is due here
at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, and
will berth at Kowloon Wharf,
which she is due to leave at 4.30
p.m. on the same day for Taikoo
Dock for annual overhaul.**ALLEGATIONS OF ASSAULT
BY POLICE AT AU TAU
TO OBTAIN CONFESSION**Serious allegations of assault
and ill-treatment by the police to
force him to admit a charge of
aiding and abetting a robbery in
the New Territories, were made
before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell
by Li Kam-cheung who faced
trial at the Criminal Sessions
this morning.After the jury had been em-
panelled they were instructed to
retire for the Puisne Judge to con-
sider whether a statement made by
accused, on which the Crown's
case depended, was legally admis-
sible or not.The statement by the accused
admitted participation in the rob-
bery, in which more than two per-
sons took part, but accused alleged
that he made the statement after
having been assaulted by two
Chinese constables.**DETECTIVE'S EVIDENCE**Detective-Sergeant C. Wilcox,
officer in charge of the C.I.D., New
Territories, testified that he cau-
tioned accused through an inter-
preter at 8.50 p.m. on January 3 at
Au Tau Police Station. A Chin-
ese detective was also present.Witness stated that he under-
stood Cantonese having gained his
Third Certificate. The caution was
correctly interpreted. No violence
was used while the statement was
being written.Asked whether he had any ques-
tions to ask, accused declared that
prior to the statement being taken
down, he was taken to the servants'
latrine in the police station where
he was assaulted by two Chinese
constables, including the one who
arrested him and brought him from
Lokmachau.**ALLEGATION DENIED**Mak Luk, Chinese detective, gave
evidence of arresting accused in
Chuk Yuen village and taking him
to Au Tau. The allegations of
assault were entirely false, wit-
ness did not ill-treat accused. Wit-
ness took accused to Au Tau Police
Station where Sergeant Wilcox or-
dered accused to be placed in a
cell.Accused stated that when he
arrived at Au Tau, Sergeant Wilcox
was not present.Witness then said that he was
instructed by a Chinese detective
to put him in the cell. Sergeant
Wilcox arrived about 15 minutes
later.Witness said he knew nothing of
the assault which accused alleged
took place in the latrine as, after
putting accused in the cell, he im-
mediately returned to Lokmachau.**ACCUSED'S CHARGE**This accused alleged to be un-
true. The witness, he asserted,
was at Au Tau till well after 3 p.m.
Accused added that he remembered
witness mentioning that he had
missed his evening meal.Witness denied that he was at
Au Tau at 3 p.m.Accused: (addressing witness):
"You and another constable assault-
ed me and when I cried out you
took me to the latrine and assault-
ed me. When I fell down the other
constable kicked me."Witness: "It is untrue. I was
not present."The Puisne Judge later decided to
rule out the statement made by the
accused, on the ground that was
being "reasonable doubt" regardingthe words used in administering the
caution.**CROWN WITHDRAWS**Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant
Crown Solicitor, then stated that the
fair thing was for the Crown not
to offer evidence. He requested
that the allegations by the
accused against the police
force be cleared up as they were
of a serious nature.His Lordship recalled Sergeant
Wilcox, who testified that an ac-
cused could not be taken out of a
cell without the consent and pre-
sence of an European officer. These
were, he added, strict orders. Ac-
cused could not have been remov-
ed from his cell after being placed
there by the Constable, as witness
did not order him to be removed.**PAWNSHOP INCIDENT**Accused then alleged that the
cell was unlocked by an Indian
guard. He said further that he
was taken to a pawnshop in Un
Long, where he was not identified
as the man who pawned the pair
of gold bangles which were stolen.Sergeant Wilcox then stated that
the man taken to the pawnshop
was another prisoner who occupied
a cell next to the accused. He sug-
gested that probably accused over-
heard the constable telling this
prisoner why he was being taken
to the pawnshop.Accused: "There were three men
in my cell. The two men were
placed in my cell because the lock
of the other cell was damaged. My
name was plainly called out and
I was taken by a Chinese constable
to the pawnshop, where the ac-
countant stated that the bangles
were not pawned by me."Sergeant Wilcox, however, insist-
ed that accused was not taken out
of his cell that afternoon.**INQUIRY TO BE MADE**Mr. Lindsell then agreed to a
suggestion by the Assistant Crown
Solicitor that investigations be in-
stituted and a report made.His Lordship said there was no
evidence to satisfy him that there
was any ill-treatment by the Po-
lice, although it did seem strange
that allegations should be made
without substance.The jury, recalled, were instruct-
ed to return a verdict of not guilty.**EUROPEAN VICTIM
OF SMALLPOX**The "China Mail" learns
that Mr. R. M. M. King, well-
known solicitor, of Messrs.
Johnson, Stokes and Master,
has been admitted to the Iso-
lation Hospital at Kennedy
Town, suffering from small-
pox.It is understood that the
case is a "very modified" one,
and the patient was this morn-
ing stated to be getting on "as
well as can be expected."Lau Ho, aged 62, was yesterday
admitted to the Queen Mary Hos-
pital, where he died later, after
having been rescued from the har-
bour of Wanchai. He had either
fallen or jumped into the water.

NORTH POLE RESCUE DRAMA: LIGHTS SIGHTED

Moscow, To-day.

The Russian scientists marooned on the drifting ice floe off the Greenland coast have sighted the lights of one of the ice breakers steaming to their rescue.

This dramatic development was revealed to the rescue ship when its wireless operator spoke by radiophone to Dr. Papinin, leader of the expedition.

The ice-floe is now reported to be 40 miles off the coast of Greenland, and the ice-breaker (the "Taimyr") is forcing her way through masses of ice blocks directly for the ice floe.

Rescuers and rescued are now separated by about only 17 miles of ice strewn sea.—Trans-Ocean.

A.D.C. BOOKING

Sir,—You have been good enough to allow me on occasions to remind your readers of the need for early booking for A. D. C. productions.

Many of our loyal supporters with spacious memories of the old Theatre Royal are apt to overlook that the China Fleet Club Theatre has comparatively small accommodation. It has not been possible in recent years to meet the demand for seats on the last two nights.

Intending patrons of the forthcoming production of "French Without Tears" from 23rd to 26th February are therefore asked to kindly bear this in mind and to note that the lower-priced seats also may be reserved at Anderson's, C. CHAMPKIN.

BOCCA TIGRIS SHELLED

Canton, To-day.
According to official information, three Japanese gunboats steamed into the Pearl River delta shortly after 6 a.m. yesterday and fired 12 shells in the Bocca Tigris area.

Completing their shelling the vessels returned to their former base.

No damage was sustained. — Our Own Correspondent.

ROUTINE RAIDS ON KWANGTUNG

Canton, To-day.

Three large Japanese bombers crossed over Saichuen at 9.15 this morning, heading northward.

Heavy A.A. fire greeted the raiders, the thunder of the guns being audible in the city, but the planes apparently were not hit and at present no bombs have been dropped.

After a week of dull and rainy weather, the Japanese airman apparently intend taking advantage of the presence of a clear sky and sunshine.

This was particularly noticeable yesterday when relay after relay of Japanese planes crossed the countryside northward of Canton carrying out operations in various parts of the province, including the Canton-Hankow Railway.—Reuter.

GETTING STEAM UP

Canton, To-day.

Following the news that ships are being allowed to pass the Pearl River barrier from to-morrow, vessels which have been bottled up since February 4 are now getting up steam preparatory to departure.

The Taishan is leaving at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning, an hour earlier than her usual schedule, but this is due to reasons of tide. — Reuter.

CHENGCHOW AIR RAID

Hankow, Yesterday.

Mass air-raids, in which over 60 Japanese planes took part, were carried out on the Chinese positions near Chengchow. The official report says that 20 were killed and wounded.—Our Own Correspondent.

MORE PILOTS FOR CHINA

Forty Chinese volunteers, trained aviators, are expected to arrive in the Colony next month from San Francisco.

The men have just graduated from a flying school.

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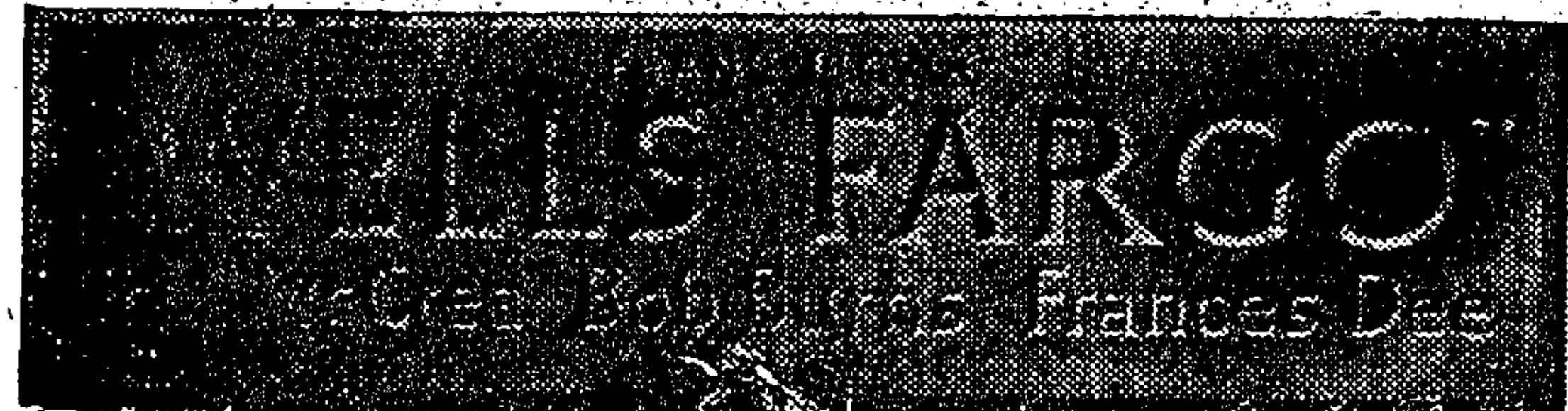
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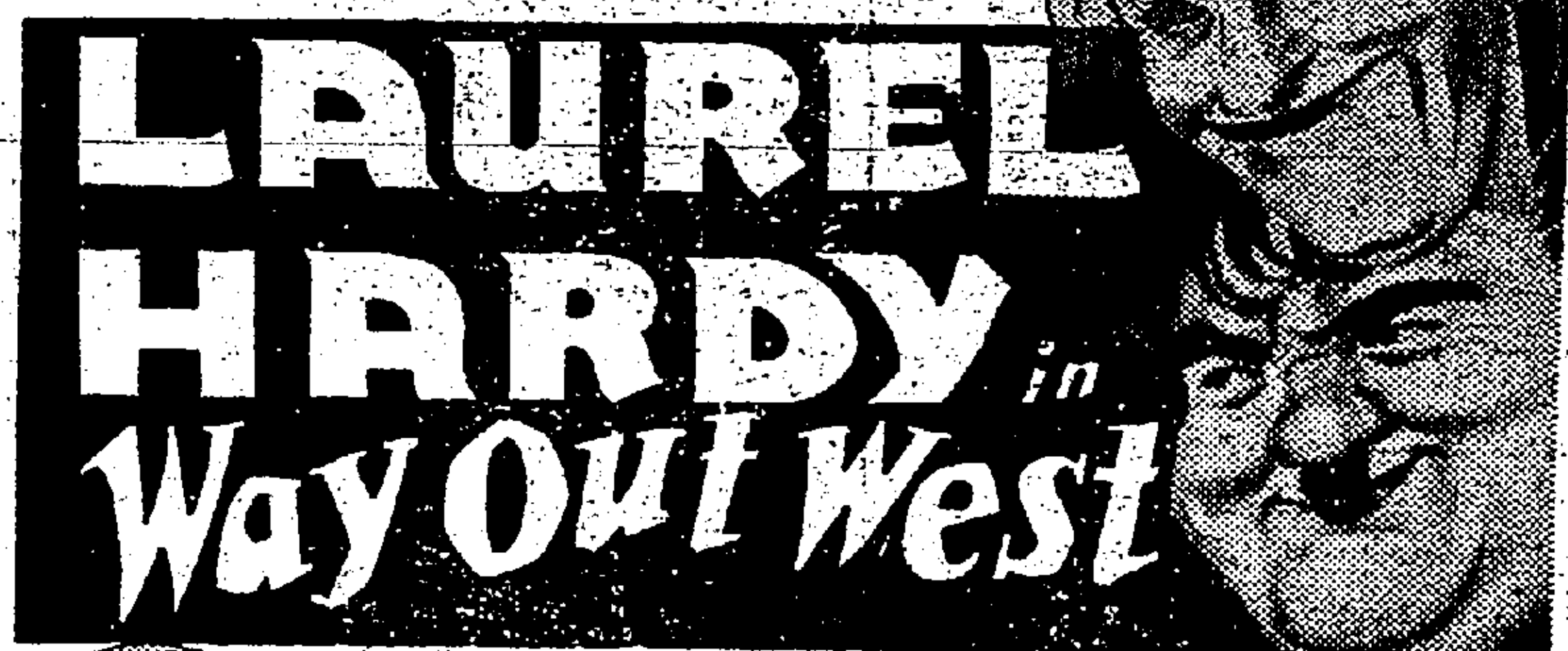
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Severe Battle Raging Across Hwai River: Japanese Claim Hankow Admits Retreat On Peiping-Hankow Line

CONCRETE EMPLACEMENTS BLOWN TO BITS

Hankow, To-day.

The Japanese bombardment which destroyed Chinese fortifications on the Hwai River lasted without intermission for several days.

Every available gun battery and aeroplane took part in the bombardment, which literally blasted to bits strong concrete emplacements and dugouts.

It is reported here that the Japanese have concentrated no fewer than 400 tanks along the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

Japanese destroyed bridges of the Peiping-Hankow Railway over the Yellow River yesterday, while Chinese planes bombed the pontoon bridge over the Yellow River. —Trans-Ocean.

CURIOUS CONVERSATION OF M. CORBIN

London, Yesterday.

The conference between the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and the French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin, has aroused more than usual interest for several reasons.

Political circles point out that foreign Ambassadors seldom confer with the Prime Minister, but are usually received by the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Chamberlain's action in receiving M. Corbin is thus interpreted in some quarters as an indication that the Prime Minister is taking a more active part in British foreign policy.

Other circles believe that M. Corbin's conference with Mr. Chamberlain concerned financial support for the French Government in the form of a British loan.

Rumours to this effect were sufficient to cause the franc to recover slightly on the market yesterday.

FRENCH DIFFICULTIES

Though there is as yet no definite information to support the rumours, financial circles say that without such support, the Chamberlain Government in Paris is in a very precarious position, and since another Government crisis in France would be extremely unwelcome to England at the present time, it is highly probable that the British Government would be inclined to respect French wishes in this respect as far as possible. —Trans-Ocean.

GOGA LEAVES RUMANIA FOR HEALTH

Bucharest, To-day.

The deposed Rumanian Fascist Premier, M. Octavian Goga, has left the country "for reasons of health."

It is understood that M. Goga will spend some time abroad "recovering." His first stop will be Nice, on the French Riviera. —Trans-Ocean.

SCORES OF MISSING JUNKS

Canton, Yesterday.

Although hundreds of fishermen and trading junk foks have managed to escape after their junks have been captured or burnt by Japanese gunboats off the coast of South China, over 300 are still missing, according to official figures issued here.

It is stated that these boat people which include many women and children, have either been drowned or shot by the Japanese marines.

About 150 junks are missing.

This type of activity by the Japanese has extended along the South China coast from Swatow to Hainan Island. —Our Own Correspondent.

ALLEGED PLOTTERS ARRESTED

Shanghai, Yesterday.

An anti-Japanese organisation was discovered by the Japanese military authorities in Nanking a few days ago, according to a belated report received from the abandoned Chinese capital.

Two Chinese were arrested in a house in North Chung Shan Road, and it is alleged that documents were found revealing anti-Japanese plotting.

The fate of the two men is not known, but it is believed that they faced a firing squad very soon after their arrest. —Our Own Correspondent.

NIPPON RAIDERS DEFY WEATHER

Canton, Yesterday.

In spite of the rain and low lying clouds three Japanese planes appeared near the city after 8 a.m. to-day.

After cruising over Bocca Tigris, they flew to Cheungmuktau on the Canton-Kowloon Line, and dropped bombs in the vicinity of the Bus station. No serious damage was done. —Our Own Correspondent.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE TAKES HEAVY TOLL

Shanghai, To-day.

The long-heralded battle for the Lunghai Railway, which promises to be the biggest engagement of the present war unless the Chinese collapse, has approached nearer with dramatic suddenness as a consequence of sweeping Japanese advances.

Chinese retreat from the Hwai River followed a bitter struggle in which their defence works were pounded by artillery and aeroplanes and almost completely destroyed.

Official despatches claim the seizure by the Japanese in the battle for the Hwai River of 173 machine-guns of Czechoslovakian make, 360 rifles, one trench mortar and 75,000 rounds of assorted ammunition, while the Chinese are stated to have left 1,500 dead on the field.

The Chinese claim that more than 1,000 Japanese were killed.

Another severe battle is now being fought across the banks of the Hwai River with the Chinese, so far, preventing all Japanese attempts to cross. —Reuter.

PUYANG TAKEN

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese have blown up the railway bridge spanning the Hwai River and are now facing the Japanese, who are exchanging fire with them from the southern bank. Japanese forces operating in south Hopei have captured Puyang, only 60 miles from the nearest point on the Lunghai Railway, and are continuing their advance towards the Yellow River.

40-MILE ADVANCE

Occupation of Puyang marked an advance of more than 40 miles since the Japanese broke the three-month deadlock and launched their drive from Taming six days ago.

The Japanese apparently aim at crossing the Yellow River for an attack on Kaifeng, which is only 10 miles south of the great waterway.

The advance column is now heading along the highway leading to Changyuan, and from there will presumably press on Fengchiu, a town situated near the north bank of the Yellow River.

ON YELLOW RIVER

According to an unconfirmed report, a force of from 2,000 to 3,000 Japanese troops has already been sighted at two points on the north bank of the Yellow River southwest of Puyang, and the making an attempt to cross.

Meanwhile, the Japanese push down the Peiping-Hankow Railway is continuing successfully.

Striking along the railway with amazing speed, the Japanese first captured Tangyin, 10 miles south of Changteh, in North Honan, which is their base of operations, and then swept along to Kaotsun, only four stations north of Sian-sing, which is at the junction of the Peiping-Hankow and the Taokow-Chinghua Railways. —Reuter.

COUNTRYSIDE FLOODED

Peiping, To-day.

The Japanese advance along the Peiping-Hankow Railway is likely to be slow, as the Chinese have completely destroyed miles of railway and embankments south of Changteh, and have also opened the canal bank, swamping the countryside.

Guerilla activities against the Japanese lines of communication have been intensified in the past few days.

There has been fighting outside Paotingfu, while irregulars have appeared near Chuchow, 40 miles from Peiping. —Reuter.

FINES BY INSTALMENTS

Proposal For Scotland

The payments of fines by instalments is proposed in the Government's Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, the text of which has been issued in London.

The amount of the instalments is to be fixed by the court of summary jurisdiction, and when any instalment is not paid at the time ordered, the accused shall be liable to imprisonment for a period proportionate to the sum which the unpaid instalments so bear to the period specified by the court in default of payment.

The supervision of persons fined is provided for.

Another proposal is that statutory offences punishable by penal servitude may be tried in the Sheriff court.

The bill was presented by Mr. Walter Elliot, Secretary for Scotland, and was supported by the Lord Advocate, the Solicitor General for Scotland, and Scrymgeour Wedderburn, Under Secretary for Scotland.

HITLER-SCHUSCHNIGG TALKS PRODUCE SMALL RESULTS

Each Refused Other's Principal Requests

Austria Pleased By Clearing Of Air

Vienna, To-day.

It is learned here that the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, put Austria's case with some energy during his conversations with Herr Hitler, and it is believed that each statesman said "No" to the other's principal requests. Herr Hitler declined to disassociate himself and the Nazi Party of the Reich from the Austrian illegal Nazis, while Dr. von Schuschnigg refused to join the anti-Comintern Pact. The long discussion on economic questions is also believed to have been unfruitful.

Dr. von Schuschnigg is reported to have declined the proposal that Austria should buy all its coal exclusively from Germany.

AIR CLEARED

Austrian satisfaction is due to a feeling that the talks, while not involving Austria in commitments inconsistent with her independence and preservation of the status quo in Central Europe, have at least allowed of clearing of the atmosphere.

A meeting of the Cabinet is probably being held to-day, and any definite Cabinet re-shuffle is likely to be postponed until something more definite emerges from the Berchtesgaden talks.—Reuter.

FRENCH INTEREST

Paris, To-day.

The Hitler-Schuschnigg talks have caused much interest in French political circles.

"Le Temps" declares that the aim of the two statesmen is to bring about an improvement in Austro-German relations, particularly with reference to the Danube Basin.

The paper's Vienna correspondent reports that the visit to Germany of the Austrian Chancellor is indicative of Vienna's desire to increase her co-operation with Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER MOVE DENIED

Vienna, To-day.

Another surprising diplomatic move became known yesterday afternoon by the arrival of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, at Brenner, en route to Rome.

Five Italian officials awaited him. In Berlin, the Vienna report that Herr von Ribbentrop has gone to Italy, is categorically denied, and it is stated that the Foreign Minister is at present en route to Berlin.—Reuter.

HOME AGAIN

Vienna, To-day.

The Chancellor, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, arrived back in Vienna

by special train early yesterday morning after his meeting with Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden.—Trans-Ocean.

ARRANGED FOR WEEKS

Vienna, To-day.

It is now stated here that the Hitler-Schuschnigg talks had been planned for weeks, though the exact date had not been decided upon.

Italy and Hungary, it is added, had been informed of the meeting in advance.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN CIRCLES ADMIT HITCHES

Berlin, To-day.

In spite of the silence being maintained in official circles, it is understood from well-informed diplomatic quarters that in view of the extensive scope of the problems discussed between Herr Hitler and Dr. von Schuschnigg, it had not been possible to reach mutual agreement on all details.

The hope, however, is held out that in the near future there will be unanimity of opinion on all matters outstanding.

JULY 11 AGREEMENT

It is understood that it was agreed to maintain the fundamental principles of the Austro-German Agreement of July 11, in spite of various obstacles confronting the agreement.

Herr von Papen, German Ambassador in Vienna, returned to Vienna with the Austrian statesmen.—Reuter.

MISS ISHBEL MACDONALD ENGAGED

London, To-day.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ishbel Macdonald and Mr. Norman Ridgley, a thirty-four year old house decorator. The wedding will take place shortly.—Reuter.



DR. KURT SCHUSCHNIGG

COL. BECK'S VISIT TO ROME

Rome, To-day.

The Polish Ambassador in Rome, Dr. Alfred Wysocki, yesterday called on the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and left afterwards for Warsaw in order to prepare arrangements for the visit to Rome of Colonel Josef Beck, Polish Foreign Minister.

Italian press reports that that this visit will take place within the next few weeks. Colonel Beck will have conversations with Il Duce and Count Ciano.—Trans-Ocean.

WARNING VOICE ON HONG KONG

"Why should Britain put herself out to re-establish Shanghai's position? To-day British firms find Shanghai's small international settlement surrounded by Japanese-controlled territory," says Das Neue Tagebuch, Paris.

"The value and fame of Shanghai is declining, and the Japanese will find that Great Britain is transferring her interests to Hong Kong and Singapore or to French Indo-China. In any case, the 'Chinese London' is becoming a business city of the past. It is not worth the incidents which occur there almost every day between the Japanese army and the Settlement police.

"If, therefore, Great Britain did not move more effectively when Shanghai was threatened, this can be explained from the value of British interests after the 'Hinterland' of the city fell to the Japanese. It is quite a different matter with Hong Kong. The nearer the threat of Japanese occupation of the surrounding provinces, the firmer the British Government's voice becomes."

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"Very," I said. And to myself I added: "It's more than grand, it's miraculous. In fact, it's quite incredible."

Because I know these faithful husbands. I know the Ronalds of this world.

The trouble with Ronald—and Heaven knows how many more like him!—is that because he has married one woman he thinks he knows all about every other woman.

I've met a few of these husbands with roving eyes and hands. Maybe someone will reply that it's the fault of the company I keep.

But I defy any girl who mixes with young married people to say she has never met the married man who thinks he can get away with anything behind his wife's back. And what's more, assumes that his wife's girl-friends have the same rotten attitude to life as he has.

I have in mind one young husband whom I'll call John, just to hide his real name. His wife was at school with me. I had met John when he was courting my friend. They married, settled in a house and asked me to a little house-warming party.

During the evening, five of the other people went into the garden to see some sort of tiny rockery. John was left in the drawing-room with me.

And John, to my astonishment, started to get fresh.

I put him off. He continued and became so annoying that I thought a good hard slap in the face was about the one thing to bring him to his senses.

He must have guessed what I was going to do. Just as I hit at him, he caught my wrist.

"For God's sake," he said, "don't make a scene." He had gone quite pale.

"Well, don't be such a dirty idiot," I said, "what do you expect

"That's all right, wife sweet, I'll show her around. You just sit there and talk with auntie!"

And oh! the interest he shows in the smallest and darkest rooms. The reluctance with which he switches on the light! The eagerness with which he says: "This step is rather tricky, dear; let me help you."

Apparently he has never heard that it is possible to help a girl over an awkward step without winding an arm around her waist. He's terribly broadminded, of course. Much more so than when he was single. Marriage has

girl" usually gets the worse end of the stick, however well founded her complaint might be.

The Ronalds of this world, you see, are far too cunning to fix clandestine meetings, to neglect their wives for long periods.

They are horrified at the very mention of the Continental system of wife and family at home—and mistress in another home.

But they aren't a bit horrified at the thought of, at least, being mentally unfaithful to their wives with a girl who visits their own homes.

What's the cure?
I'll tell you mine.

— OF MARRIED MEN!

me to do when you act like that? Sit still and like it?"

"Ssssssh," he said, "they're coming back. Please, please don't say anything. I must have been mad."

The others came in.

"Ah, there you are, darling," he said to his wife, "did they like the rockery?"

I felt sick. Because I knew he hadn't been overtaken by a burst of madness.

He had calculated he could get away with something—and calculated wrongly.

Then there's the married man who simply loves showing you over

taught him such a lot. He knows, too, the strength of his position.

Many a girl, though embarrassed, will pass over these little incidents rather than make a scene before the wife.

Because Ronald is known to be extremely faithful. And the "other

Once I made up a bathing party of four.

There was a young married couple, a single man—and myself.

We had been bathing on a rather deserted Cornish beach. After a while the wife, decided to have another dip. The single young man said he would join her.

I was left alone with the young husband.

He started to talk—dirt. He started to act—dirt.

Just as he looked like becoming too demonstrative, I said casually: "Wonder what they're up to behind those rocks? Seem a long time."

He paused, and then said: "Who cares? Look let's—"

"I wonder," I said, "whether your wife at this moment is—"

"Look here," he said, "you mustn't talk like that about my wife. Hang it all, a bit of fun's all right—"

"With me," I said, "not with your wife. Better run along and see what's happening."

He did. Of course, nothing was happening. The other fellow had a bit of decency about him.



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INTERNATIONAL RALLY TO CAUSE OF CHINA

Dr. Wellington Koo: "China Greatly Heartened"

DISCUSSION ON PLAN FOR EMBARGO ON JAPANESE GOODS

London, To-day.

Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador in Paris, speaking at the general assembly of the peace campaign meeting in London yesterday, said that the international rally had greatly heartened China.

M. Grumbach, the French Deputy, said that the most peaceful country in the world had been invaded and made the victim of destruction.

The burden of shame which was added to that of Abyssinia and Spain must be removed. In the interests of their own national security, they should apply an embargo on Japanese goods.

Mr. McLeod (Canada), introducing the report of the propaganda committee, said that it was argued that a boycott would starve the Japanese people, but that was not true as Government action would follow if the boycott was sufficiently widespread.

BOYCOTT PLAN

Lady Gladstone presented the report of the consumers' committee, which proposed that a boycott must be immediately organised.

One of the most important recommendations was that people should sign a declaration not to purchase Japanese goods.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Labour M.P. for Derby, intimated that they would point out to the women of democratic countries that 90 per cent. of the world's silk came from Japan, and would ask them not to buy silk for some time to come.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

He would do all he could to introduce a bill in Parliament stipulating that Japanese goods must be marked as Japanese.

The trade union committee resolution differed on the boycott issue from the original draft, and even the modification finally reached failed to secure the support of the Swedish and Norwegian delegates.

EVERY AVENUE

The modification, instead of supporting a boycott, as stated in the draft resolution, expressed agreement to help China, but, not being qualified to impose responsibility on their central trade union organisation, they suggested that "every avenue be explored regarding the possibility of a boycott."

Mr. Gunnar Anderson, co-president of the Swedish trade union confederation, said that the Swedish and Norwegian delegates had not supported the resolution as they were not empowered to do so by their unions.—Reuter.

OUTRAGED LIBERALISM

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador in London, declared that

the militant spirit of outraged liberalism stirs again.

China must be the world's hope, not the world's reproach.

The world should guarantee that war materials reach China and do not reach Japan.

In our day, he said, peace must be a stern thing, positive not passive.

"Peace" and "Save China" are one and the same thing.

SUN YAT SEN UNIVERSITY REOPENS

Since the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, students and the faculty of Sun Yat-sen University in Canton, have continued their studies while devoting part of their time to strengthening China's resistance power.

When Japanese aggression in South China became more serious at the end of last year, the University temporarily closed to give students an opportunity to render assistance to their own country. A definite programme was formulated for the students to carry out uniformly.

The students of the University have gradually returned to Canton and consequently the University reopened on Thursday in Shek-pai.

The final examination for the 1st semester will be held between February 25 and March 3. All students of the 2nd semester will register on March 4 and 5. Classes will begin the day after registration.

3-YEAR SENTENCE

Pleading guilty to possessing a revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition without a licence, Chan Wansang was sentenced to three years' hard labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The revolver and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

GRAZIANI RETURNS HOME

Rome, To-day.

The retiring Viceroy of Abyssinia, Marshal Rudolfo Graziani, will arrive in Naples from Italian East Africa on Wednesday, and will continue to Rome the same day.

Great public demonstrations of welcome will be held in Naples and Rome.—Trans-Ocean.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS AT SINGAPORE

Singapore, To-day.

Three United States cruisers, the Trenton, Memphis and Milwaukee, arrived at the naval base yesterday for the opening of the new dock to-day, after a thirteen days' non-stop trip from Sydney.

Official calls were exchanged between Rear-Admiral Townsend, the American commander, and Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station.

The United States ships are not participating in the opening ceremony, but are expected to be full dressed for the occasion.

Rear-Admiral Townsend stated yesterday: "We are merely onlookers. Our attendance is a nice, friendly gesture but has no international significance."—Reuter.

COURTESY CALLS

Singapore, To-day.

Officials of the Straits Settlements Government and high officers of the British army and navy paid courtesy calls on the American squadron shortly after the three warships arrived here yesterday.

A round of entertainments has been organised for the visitors.—Trans-Ocean.

FORCED TO STEAL

Sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed on Chung Cheung for housebreaking and larceny by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused had 18 previous convictions for theft.

Accused said he was forced to steal. He could not obtain employment.

While driving in Nathan Road yesterday, Mr. A. Urquhart, of Dorset Crescent, struck a traffic obelisk in an attempt to overtake another car. His car was only slightly damaged.

NEW PENSION PLAN FOR TOKYO'S SLAIN

Tokyo, To-day.

Providing for an increase of about Yen 17,000,000 in payment to families of Japanese soldiers killed and wounded in action, a bill to revise the existing Pension Law, has been presented in the Diet.

Salient feature of the Bill is its likeness to social welfare legislation. It calls for increased compensation for families of soldiers of lower ranks and for families having three or more members.

Subject to approval of the Diet, the pension revisions will be put in effect on April 1. They will apply not only to corps fighting in the hostilities but to the families of those who saw service in the Manchuria Incident, the Sino-Japanese War of 1894 and the Russo-Japanese War. Compensation boosts ranging between 20 and 80 per cent. are called for in the measure.

An increase of 80 per cent. is to be made in payment to families of third class privates killed in action. The present law provides for payment of 150 yen a year with increases of 30 per cent. for the first five years. The new law raises it to 270 yen for this period. **80 PER CENT.**

Families of second class privates slain in action, who now receive 165 yen a year and a 30 per cent. increase for the first five years, would receive an 80 per cent. increase to 297 yen without any limitation to the period of years.

Families of first class privates who now receive 180 yen will be increased to 324 yen.

Survivors of non-commissioned officers killed who are now paid according to increases of 30 per cent. for the first five years, would benefit from increases of 45 to 55 per cent. under the new law, in accordance with the new policy of granting more to relatives of those in the lower brackets of the service without any time limitation. **OFFICERS**

Increases of 40 per cent. are asked in payments to families of officers below the rank of major or lieutenant-commander killed in action. Compensation paid them at present is under the 30 per cent. increase plan for the first five years.

Similar increases of 30 per cent. are provided for in payment to families of slain officers below the rank of major-general or rear-admiral.

According to the terms of the proposed law, the families of officers above colonel or captain killed in action would receive a 20 per cent. increase in their pensions.—Reuter.

A burst tyre yesterday caused Mr. A. Cook, of the Naval Dockyard, to collide with a traffic standard in Nathan Road causing slight damage to the car.



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TOWARDS APPEASEMENT

Taking the broadest possible view of the negotiations for an Anglo-American trade agreement—the need for which is no longer in dispute on either side of the Atlantic—we may say that just as the United States cannot maintain the purpose of the Hawley-Smoot tariff, so also British Empire countries must revise the Ottawa agreements. The condition of the world as it has developed in the interval since 1930-32, both within the two great English-speaking commonwealths and outside them, is warning sufficient that, if Britain and the United States mean to assert their undoubted influences for peace and reconciliation, the more selfish aspects of these policies must be changed. That international peace must henceforth be sought actively, through material contribution—even sacrifice—by those Powers whose duty is still to add example to precept and exhortation, is now past argument. Behind the scenes in London and Washington there has been much patient preparation, ever since the failure of the World Economic Conference, for the negotiations now so soon to open. Nor are they a solitary evidence of the incentive behind them. We have seen the efforts to broaden out the "sterling group" of countries, the sterling-dollar-franc arrangement for support of basic currencies, the movement among the "Oslo Conference" States for a regional freeing of trade shackles, and the valiant work of M. van Zeeland, former Premier of Belgium, to reconstruct from new foundations the stage on which the last World Economic Conference broke down.

Those who regard Anglo-American trade negotiations as aiming at merely an Anglo-American stand for defence of a political status quo, must be held to view them too narrowly. While it is true that self-interest is, and must be a common incentive in each party, it is also true that the agreement is directed by a more liberal effort to abolish the division of the world into "haves" and "have-nots." To reiterate the essential truth, Britain, the United States, and France are privileged Powers, and theirs is consequently the prime obligation to offer to aggrieved nations a fair economic opportunity. With that must go the obligation to instruct their own peoples in the need for response from them, too. If the democracies are to present themselves as worthy, in their principles or in their possessions before the nations now ranging themselves against them, they must show that what they insist upon as essential to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for their own citizens is not to be denied as a demand which other

peoples, less happy, may reasonably make. Peace is possible by no other path. That it may not be possible by this path must not deter the wealthier Powers from the attempt. As the chief guardians of Western civilisation, their duty is clear.

The problem becomes increasingly urgent because of the appalling rise in expenditure upon armaments. In every industrialised country to-day the armament industry is the chief means of combatting unemployment. If Britain cannot maintain the current armament race, then no nation can, and, with all its resources, even the British Empire could not arm indefinitely at the present pace. Never before, except in war-time, have the nations so concentrated their energies upon manufacture of weapons and munitions for war. For the moment, the effect enables the leaders of a dozen Administrations to justify crippling taxation upon their peoples. Armament building, both soothes popular fears of unpreparedness against attack, and absorbs, directly and indirectly, vast numbers of working men and women whom the diminished activities of peaceful trading could not employ. A sudden cessation of armament production in every country might, of itself, produce revolution and war. But since the fever of armament building must stop at some time—either before or after a war of unspeakable savagery—how is a gradual change-over to other activity to be brought about without a breaking-down of international trade barriers? This is the urgent problem driving responsible statesmen forward in negotiations for a new freedom in economic intercourse. From the reception accorded them will be judged the sincerity of those expressions, familiar on all political platforms, of devotion to the cause of world peace.

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Il Duce On Democracy

Premier Mussolini has found a flaw in democracy. That is, he has discovered a specific flaw as distinguished from that general flaw which in Il Duce's opinion is democracy itself. Reports say that this flaw has become obvious to the Italian dictator through the objection of the American Administration to the Ludlow proposal. The Ludlow proposal was that the United States Constitution should be amended to provide for a popular referendum before declaration of war, except in case of invasion.

Premier Mussolini appears to believe that unless the people themselves are allowed to express their opinions through such a referendum, democracy in the United States is faulty.

Americans can be found, of course, who believe the same thing. But not in the same way. They would point out to the Italian dictator that in the United States people who disagree with the Government are allowed to say so, and are permitted—have the constitutional right—to use all the persuasion they can muster to make their views prevail against those of the Administration.

Americans are under no faulty impression that Il Duce favours such methods as a Ludlow proposal would inaugurate. They are quite certain that such a proposal would never in Italy have been allowed to acquire the stature of a bill to be seriously discussed by lawmakers.

LORD CECIL'S APPEAL FOR WORLD ACTION

Uncompromising Condemnation Of Japan

RIVER TRAFFIC RESUMPTION

It is learned that local river shipping companies have been officially notified that the Pearl River boom is to be opened tomorrow to permit the resumption of light-draft traffic.

The Taishan is leaving Canton for Hong Kong to-morrow morning.

GUERILLAS DOING GREAT WORK SOUTH OF SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Reliable reports state that bands of Chinese irregulars are still operating with complete success around Sungkiang, about 60 kilometres south-west of Shanghai, on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway.

Japanese supply columns are continually being attacked and the infantry guards have suffered severe casualties.

The Japanese so far have not been able to check this activity fully, though they are nominally in complete control of the whole area. —Trans-Ocean.

KIAOCHOW RAILWAY OPEN

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Traffic on the Tsinan-Tsingtao Railway was resumed yesterday, according to an announcement made to-day by the Japanese army spokesman.

The spokesman said that the first train to make a complete run on the line left Tsingtao at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the presence of Chinese and Japanese officials.

The train, he said, carried about fifty passengers. —Reuter.

Twenty Nationalities At Last Night's Mass Meeting

London, To-day.

Twenty nations were represented on the platform at a mass meeting, attended by 2,500, at Covent Garden Opera House last night at which Lord Cecil, presiding, condemned the Japanese aggression as a "deliberate attempt by Japan to enforce her will by arms, irrespective of all international control." A collection on behalf of China realised £345.

Lord Cecil added that their purpose was to stop the war and if they did not succeed, he urged the citizens of all countries represented at the meeting to clear themselves of complicity in the Japanese crime.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Labour leader, said they had no quarrel with the people and government of Japan, but they wanted the economic and financial resources of the peaceful nations of the world to be used for other purposes than those of war.

Mr. Morrison advocated an international police force, and urged that they should not advance loans to Japan.

"FOR OUR OWN SAKES"

M. Jean Perrin, speaking on behalf of the scientists of the world, said "For our own sakes we must help China. If we don't, we will become the slaves of the Asiatic world, which has become totalitarian."

Dr. Wellington Koo said that the Covenant of the League was not an ineffective instrument to prevent war. Its effectiveness depended on the loyalty of members.

LEAGUE COVENANT

Ineffectiveness to deal with the Manchurian incident, the Abyssinian war and the present China war, was due to the unwillingness of the more important members to apply the Covenant, and consideration of national interest had been allowed to prevail over the wisdom of up-

holding the international cause.

In the system of collective security, nations had to contribute little compared to what they would have to do to defend their interests single-handed.

The League could be galvanised into a living force if the peace lovers co-operated and carried out the principles for which the League stood.

PEACEFUL WEAPON

There was no doubt that the peaceful weapon of boycott was one of the economic sanctions provided by the Covenant to restrain aggression.

Mr. Paul Robeson, the famous

MEDIATION FOR ARMISTICE IN SPAIN

San Sebastian, To-day.

Negotiations are in progress for an armistice in Spain, according to a usually well-informed source here last night.

The negotiations, it is said, are being conducted by British personalities who have been conferring for the last 24 hours with the Spanish Premier, Senor Juan Negrin, and the Defence Minister, Senor Prieto, in the Franco-Spanish frontier town of Figueras. —Trans-Ocean.

Negro singer, sang several freedom songs and was loudly applauded.

The meeting at Covent Garden and the overflow meeting at the Adelphi Theatre, endorsed the resolution passed by the International Peace Conference earlier.

AMUSING END

There was a remarkable scene at the Covent Garden meeting.

Lord Cecil was apparently anxious to wind up with the National Anthem. Some of the audience, however, began singing the "International," and most of the audience joined in. Lord Cecil and others on the platform did not participate in the singing.

A section of the audience had to wait until the majority had finished the "International" before they could make themselves heard with the National Anthem. —Reuter.

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Night Of Terror In Gale Round Britain

London, To-day.

A night of terror for hundreds, made homeless by the sea bursting the coast defences, extensive damage to coastal resorts and another flood crisis in the Fen district, were some of the consequences of the week-end gale, which in some places was the worst for forty years.

The storm caused fifty vessels to mass in Folkestone harbour for shelter.

Hundreds of bathing-huts were smashed at Ramsgate, while Margate's ten-mile sea front was strewn with wreckage of numbers of small boats sunk.

Several R.A.F. planes, pegged down outside the hangars at Mans-ton aerodrome were badly damaged by the gale.

In Horsey, Norfolk, 150 villagers evacuated when the sea forced a gap of three miles long and rushed five miles inland.

Many cattle were drowned at Winterton, where twenty square miles were flooded by the sea.

London had a week-end of alarm, and the Thames reached the highest level since the 1928 flood disaster. There was no serious mishap but much flooding occurred in Twickenham, Rotherhithe and other suburbs. —Reuter.

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Chiang Kai Shek's Message To Lord Cecil

Hankow, To-day.

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek has sent a message to Viscount Cecil, chairman of the international boycott conference in London, urging him and the delegates to immediately adopt effective measures to curb "Japanese aggression and eventually prevent a world catastrophe."

The Generalissimo states: "On behalf of my 450,000,000 peace loving fellow countrymen I wish to express to your conference our gratitude for your efforts to stop Japan's ruthless war of aggression."

"Besides seizing 500,000 square miles of our territory in Manchuria six years ago, the Japanese have now invaded nine more provinces of equal size to the combined territory of Britain, France and Italy."

"We have been resisting the invaders' attack to the best of our ability, and will continue to defend ourselves to the last man and to the last inch of our territory."

DETERMINATION UNSHAKEN

"Whatever may be our sacrifice, our determination will not be shaken."

"We are fighting not only for our own liberty and existence and for the preservation of our sovereignty and national integrity, but also for the sanctity of international treaties, as well as the common security of all nations."

"If Japan is permitted to tear up treaties as scraps of paper and to violate with impunity the territorial integrity of her neighbour, which she had pledged to respect, it will not be long before the world will be plunged into the greatest catastrophe yet known in human history."

WORLD OPINION

"Only a spontaneous and unmistakable manifestation of the consensus of world opinion, coupled with concerted action of the most effective kind, can awaken Japan to the folly of prosecuting headlong her policy of aggression, and to the impossibility of her military conquest of China."—Reuter.

N.Y.K. CHARTERS NEW SHIPS FOR SHANGHAI RUN

Shanghai, To-day.

With all roads from Japan leading to Shanghai, the N.Y.K. has been compelled to charter additional vessels to cope with the rush of passengers and cargo to the Whangpoo port, according to a Japanese press report of three newly chartered ships, the "Mikagesan Maru," "Saiho Maru" and "No. 18 Mikagesan Maru."

The first will arrive to-day and the second on Feb. 17.

In addition to these vessels, the "Chikugo Maru," "Arita Maru" and "Yamagata Maru" are already plying between Japanese ports and Shanghai.

The N.Y.K.'s first European liner to call here will be the "Katori Maru," due in port on March 29.

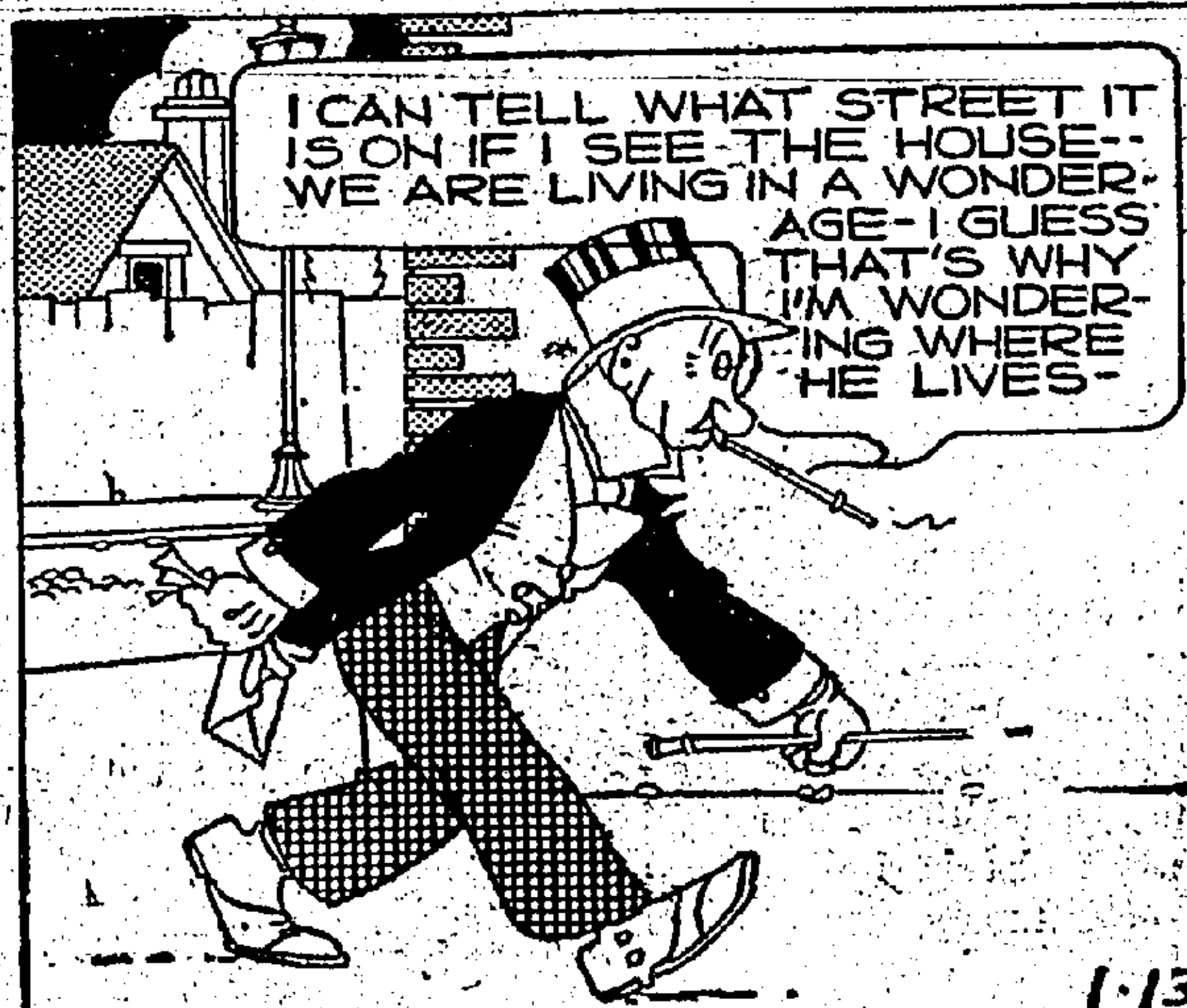
NOTHING GOING OUT

Incoming vessels will bring an average of 500 passengers and a vast quantity of fish, vegetables and other daily necessities for the local Japanese community.

Ships returning to Japan will carry a few passengers and practically no freight.

Only between 10 and 20 per cent. of available passenger and cargo space is booked on ships returning to Japan.—Reuter.

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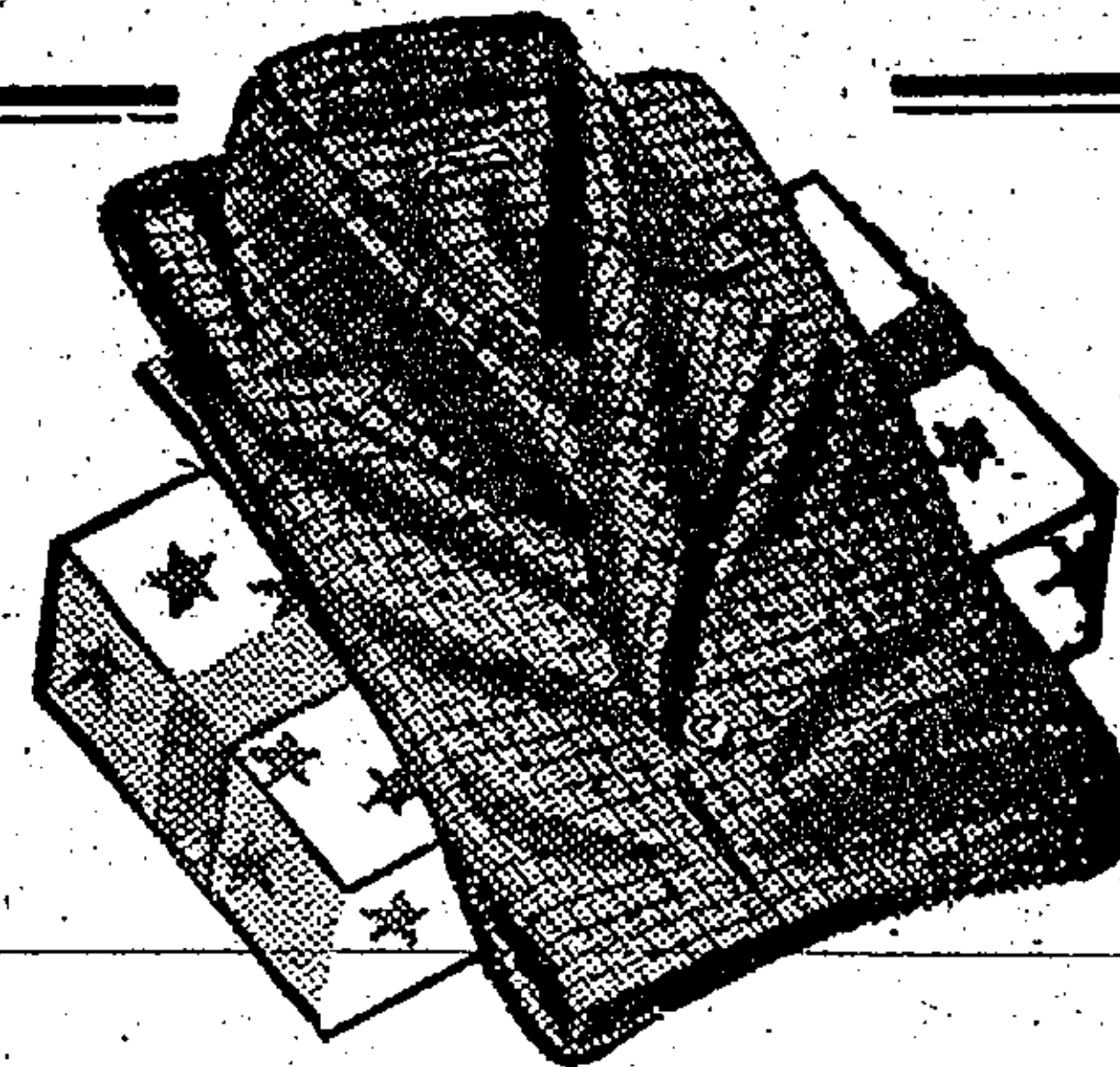


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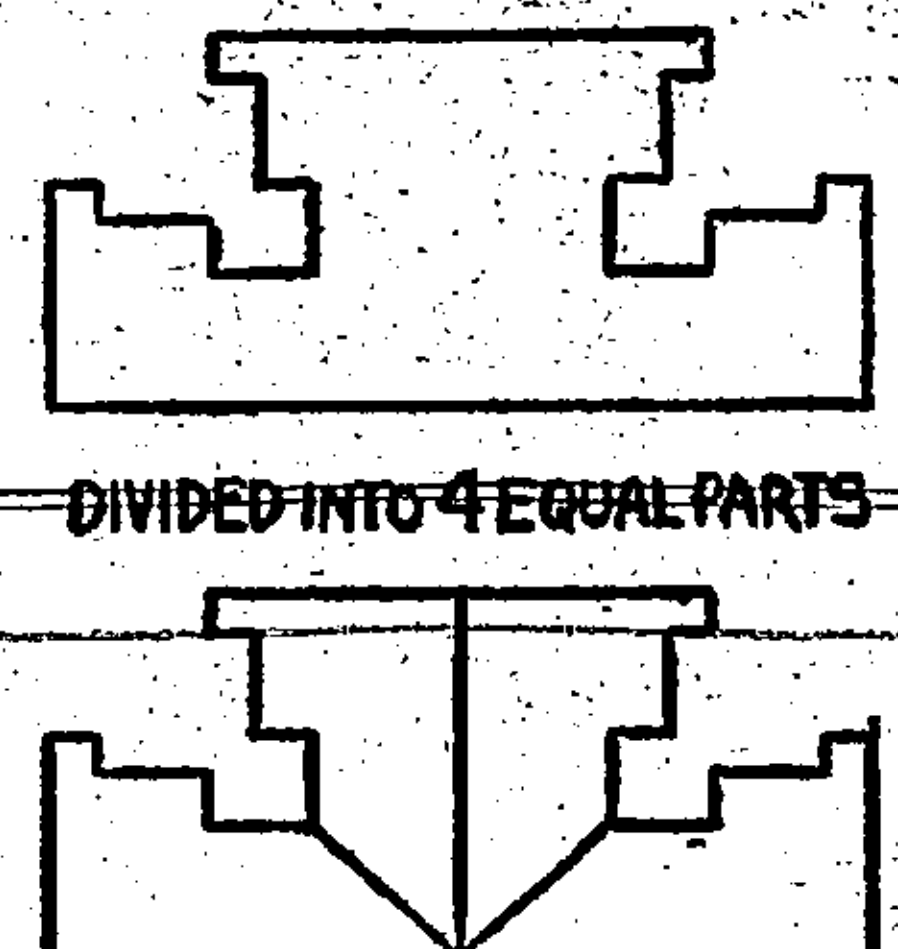
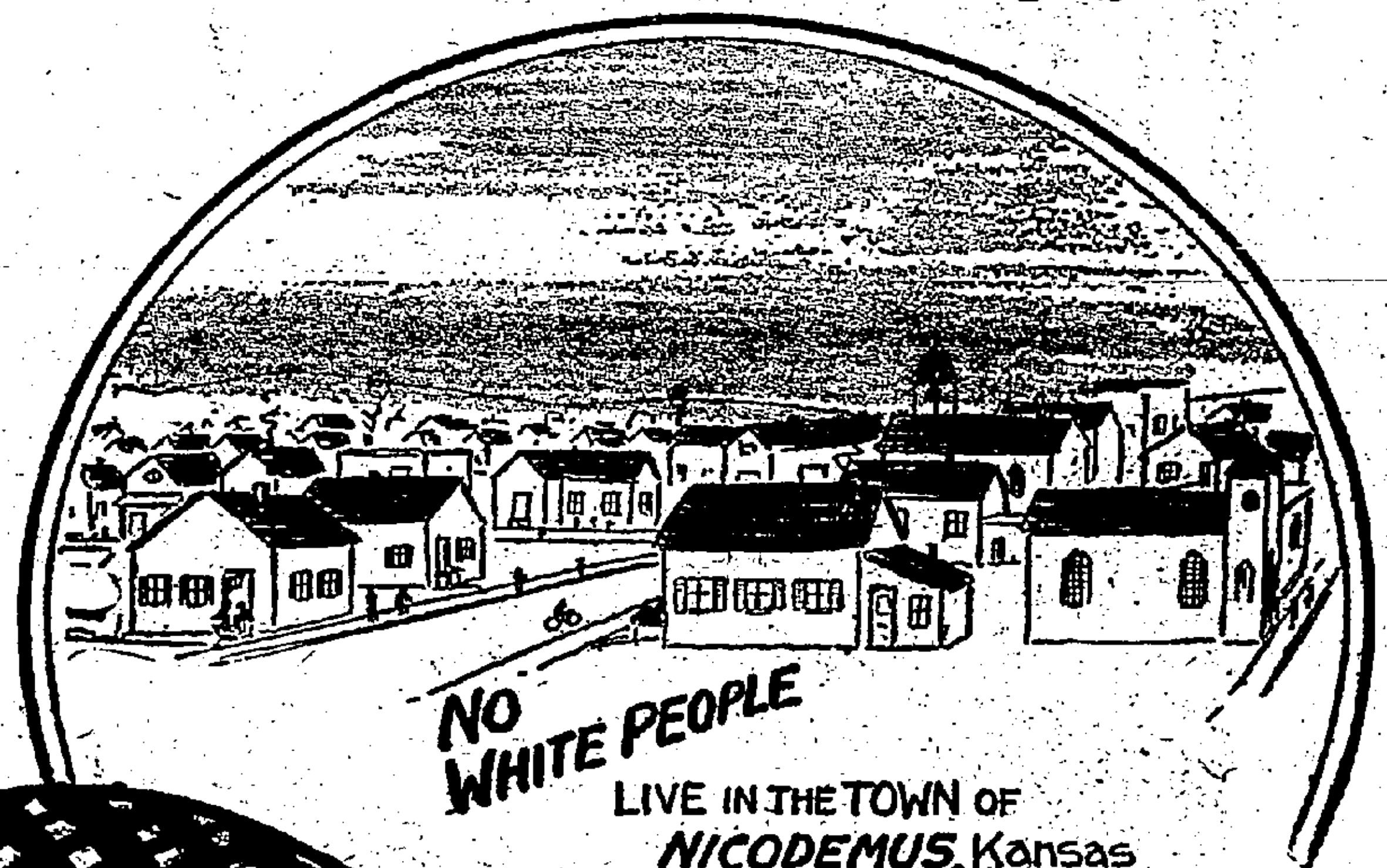


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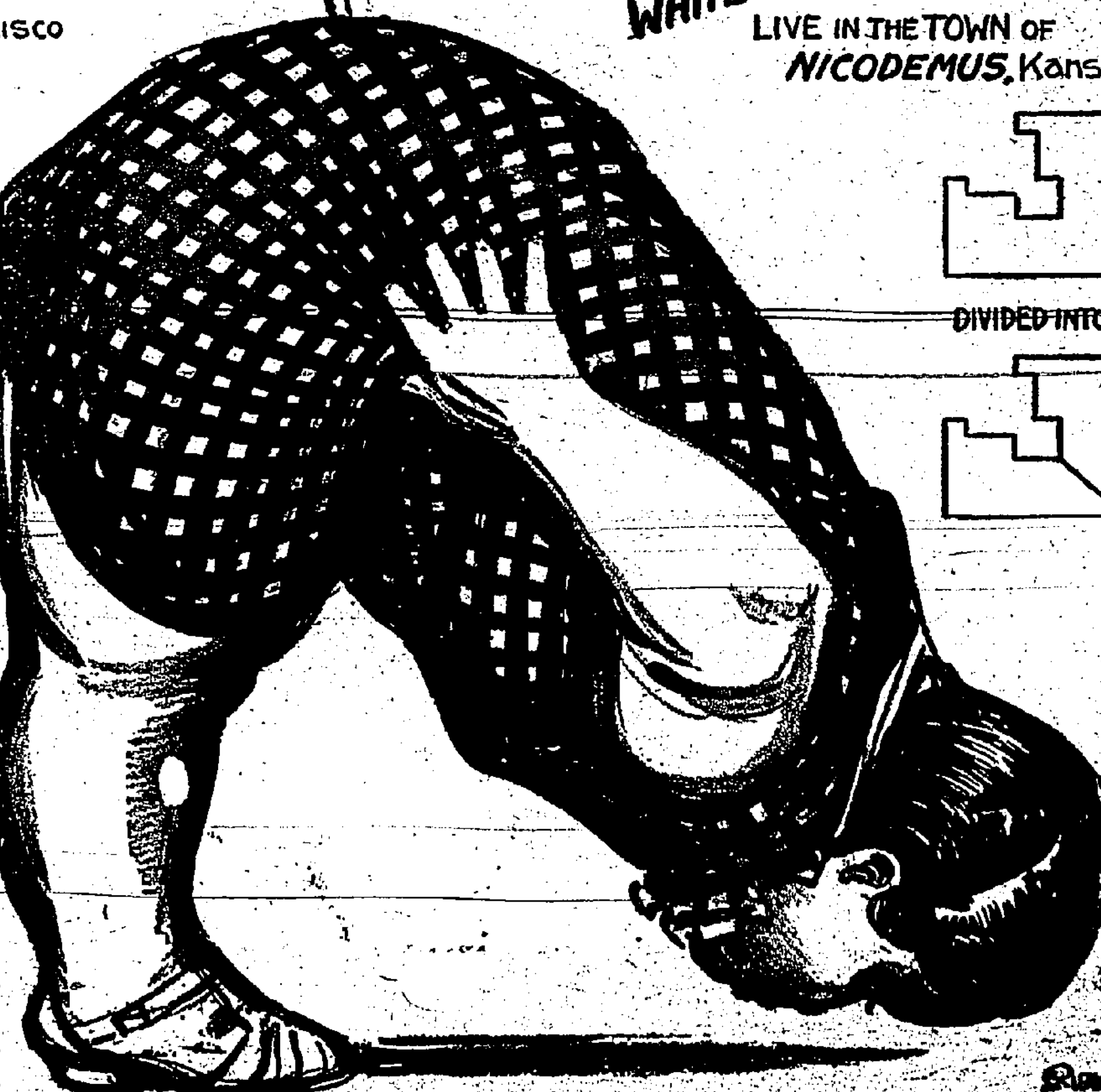


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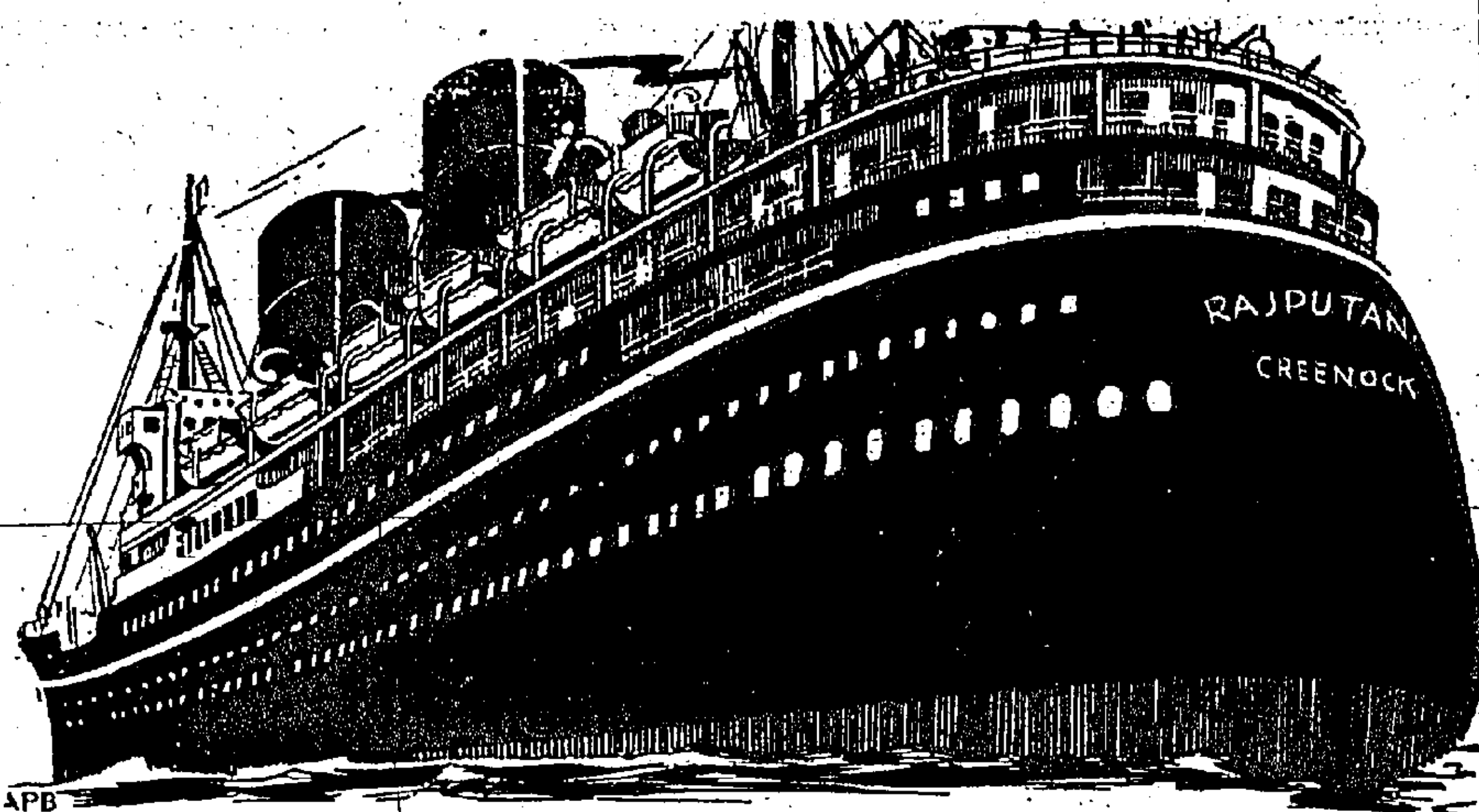


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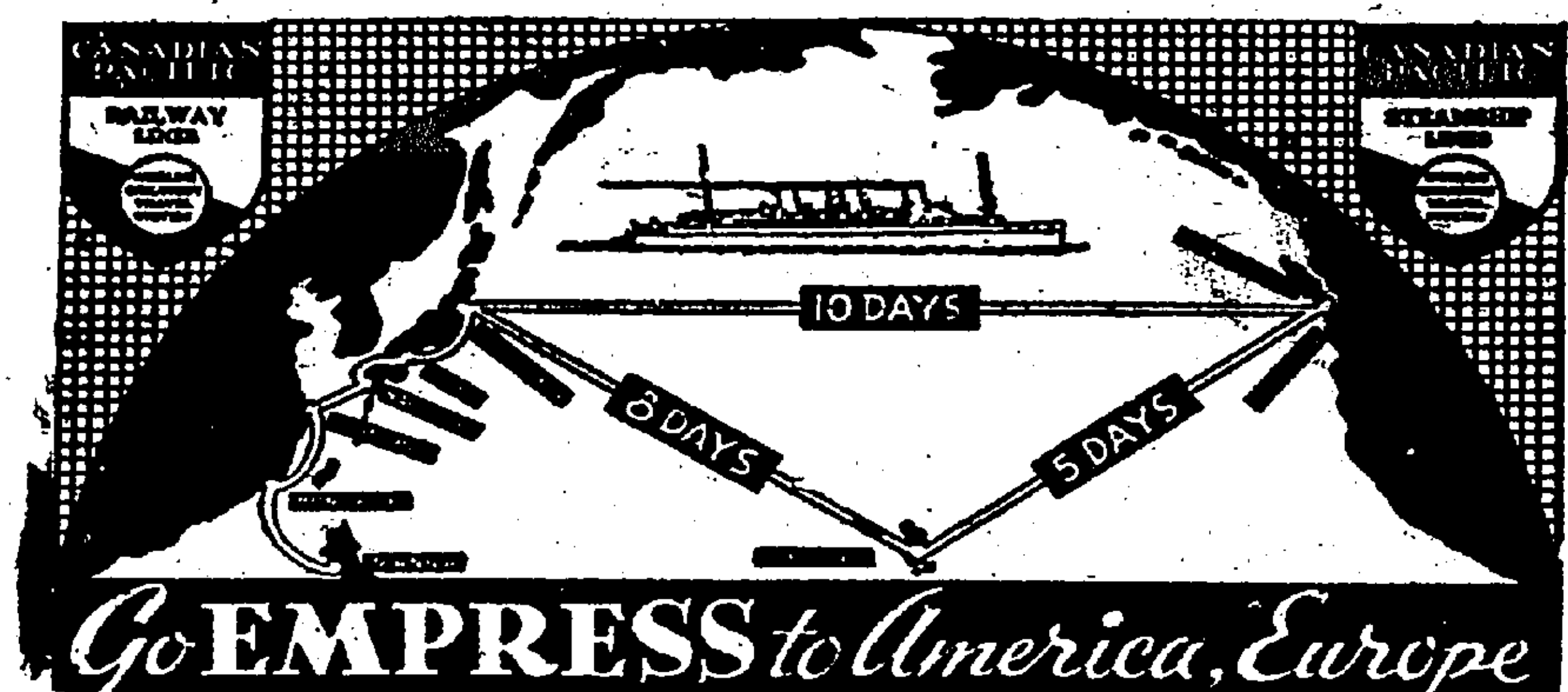
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At one time, space in all godowns in the Colony was taxed beyond normal limits owing to the large consignments of cargo which, destined for Shanghai, were landed here.

Appreciable inroads have, lately, however, been made.

ROUTE OPEN TO KONGMOON

It is learned that a Macao-Kongmoon shipping service has been resumed.

Ships on that particular run are stated to be smaller than those on the Canton-Hong Kong route and can navigate shallow passages in the Pearl River Delta which have not been blocked by the authorities.

Vegetables and fresh-water fish are now being supplied to the Colony by this round-about way.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

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The P. and O. s.s. "Frypore" left Singapore on the 13th instant and is due on the 20th instant at about noon.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST TREE CUTTERS DEMANDED

At to-morrow's meeting of the Urban Council, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, pursuant to notice, will ask:—

- (1) Is the Government aware that extensive areas of forest land both on the island and in the mainland are being denuded of trees?
- (2) Is this deforestation authorised by the Government?
- (3) Which department is responsible for the safeguarding of trees from pilfering?
- (4) What is the number of guards employed?
- (5) Is the number considered sufficient for the purpose?
- (6) Is it not possible to increase the supervision of forest land?
- (7) What steps does Government propose to take to remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs?
- (8) Will the Chairman kindly make a statement on the subject?

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/27½.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London on Saturday at 20-3/16 and forward at 19-13/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$5.0195 and the New York on London rate was unquoted.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Feb./March 23 b. Up ¾.
April/June 23½ b. Up ¾.
July/Sept. 23½ b. Up 1/8.
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BADMINTON AT THE CROSS-ROADS



Izzard, above, of the Middlesex, is bracketed with Rocha, of Kwong Wah, as the leading goal-scorer in the Second Division.



Saw, above, the Middlesex, Army and Colony inside-left, has scored ten times in the First Division of the League.

Adolf Heurer Beats Rufo In Whirlwind Bout

Berlin, Yesterday.
Adolf Heurer, the German light-heavyweight boxing champion, was featured in a thrilling clash with Charles Rufo, the Belgian champion, in a 12-round eliminating bout here last night, the former securing the verdict on a very close points decision.

CLOSE TUSSLE IN EMPIRE GAMES

Sydney, Saturday.
Australia's first win to-day in the British Empire Games was in the Hop-Step-and-Jump when Jack Metcalfe won the event as anticipated, but he failed to better his Empire Games record of 51 feet 2½ inches.

A further win was recorded for Australia when her team of four finished first in the Women's 660 Yards relay, clocking 1 min. 15 2-10 secs. England took second place and Canada secured third place.

England came into the picture in the Women's High Jump in which Miss Dorothy Adam, the British Champion and European record holder won with a height of 5 ft. 3 ins. which is a new Empire Games and Australian record. Her European figure, however, is 5 ft. 4 ¾ ins.

The Shot-Put resulted in a triumph for Fouche of South Africa, who threw the lead 48 ft. 6 ins. and another South African Duplessis won the Pole Vault with a leap of 13 ft. 5¾ ins. for a new Australian record.

STIRRING RACE

A stirring race was witnessed in the mile event in which John Alford, captain of the Welsh team and Welsh record holder and champion for the distance for the last four years, won after a great spurt.

He finished four yards in front of Fred Backhouse, of Australia, who in turn was two yards in front of Boot, of New Zealand.

Alford's time of 4 mins. 11 6-8 secs is a new Empire Games and Australian record and is the best ever returned by Alford. His previous best was 4 mins. 17 secs.

In securing the decision, the German boxer has earned the right to meet the present holder of the European light-heavyweight title, Gustave Roth, of Belgium.

Last night's fight was one of the most thrilling exhibitions ever witnessed in Germany, both boxers being at their best and shaking each other in turn with terrific blows.

At the end of the 11th round the spectators found it very difficult to pick the winner, but in the final stanza, the Belgian, who had displayed a superiority throughout, dropped his defence for a few moments and was rocked off the ball of his feet by a terrific barrage of blows, the Belgian eventually taking a clout on the chin which sent him down for a count of two.

In a final burst, which led to a terrific exchange of blows and brought the capacity packed sports hall to its feet in a wild roar of delight and excitement, Heurer decided his right to meet Gustave Roth.—Trans-Ocean.

ST. JOHN BRIGADE'S ST. JOHN CUP

The Fanling Hunt and Race Club have arranged a Sweep in connection with the St. John Cup, to be competed for on Sunday, March 20, at Fanling. Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. Thomson & Co. and St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road, Causeway Bay.

Canada won the mile relay when her four representatives returned the time of 4 mins. 16 9-10 secs.

The 100 kilometres cycling road-race was won by Binneman, of South Africa, who was clocked at 2 hours, 53 mins. 29 6-10 secs. Brown, of New Zealand, was second in 2 hours, 53 mins. 29 secs. while Jones of England, was third in 2 hours, 53 minutes, 29 9-10 secs.

The 1,000 metres sprint scratch race was won by Gray, of Australia, while Porter, of Australia, and Giles, of New Zealand, were second and third.—Reuter.

ASSOCIATION NOT GIVEN FULL SUPPORT

STARTLING FACTS FROM CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES!

DEPLORABLE SPIRIT PREVAILS

ENTRIES for the second annual badminton championships of the Colony having closed, the draws for the various events and the first three blocks of matches have been announced.

WITH THE TYPICALLY HONG KONG SPIRIT OF "MAS-KEE" WELL IN EVIDENCE, THERE WAS AT ONE TIME CONSIDERABLE MISGIVINGS IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES AS TO WHETHER SUFFICIENT ENTRIES WOULD BE RECEIVED TO ENABLE THE TOURNAMENTS TO BE HELD.

Following an extension of a week and a threat to cancel everything if more support was not forthcoming, and, without doubt a good deal of individual "shroffing" by the enthusiastic secretary and committee of the Hong Kong Badminton Association, enough people were finally rounded up to enable each event to be held.

Nevertheless, to those in the Colony with the interests of badminton — a comparatively new game here — close to their hearts, the response of players, whatever their standards, to an opportunity of pitting their strength against fellow enthusiasts outside their own clubs, must have been exceedingly disappointing.

One would have at least thought that entries would have been better than last year, when players could, and did, plead "ignorance." Not necessarily ignorance of the game but rather ignorance of their own ability. In effect, inferiority complexes.

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE

That to a certain extent is understandable. Whereas the majority of players constituting the teams in the greater proportion of the Clubs have only some two or three years' experience of badminton, there are others, mostly students from Malaya, who had played not only in League but also in competitions, and were thus fully aware of their standards with relation to members of other clubs, having been opposed to these players in the local Leagues.

These people were definitely far above the standard of the locals, with one or two exceptions, as their standings in the League illustrated and, sorry to relate, apart from the representatives of Club de Recreio, they are still superior. A poor compliment to the prowess of Hong Kong games players.

This fact notwithstanding, with the added confidence of another season of competitive badminton behind them, one would have thought that the entries this year would at least have shown a slight increase, especially as there has been no lack of enthusiasm in the Leagues this year, which have been more open and interesting than ever before.

In actual fact in only one event has any increase been shown — the Mixed Doubles. The Singles and Doubles both show a decrease of seven entries.

STARTLING FACT

We will assume for the argument that the question of finance does not enter into it — the fees are very

SOUTH CHINA XI TO MEET CORINTHIANS

Strong Side For Next Saturday's Game

South China's team to play the Corinthians next Saturday was chosen last night. The combination is:

Tam Kwon-hon; Mak Shui-hon, Lee Tin-sang; Lau Hing-choy; Lim Tak-po; Leung Wing-chui; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheong (captain), Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shui-wing, Cheong Moon-wing.

Reserves.—Lau Mau, Leung In-chuen, Lee Kwok-wai, Lau Chung-shan, Tay Kwei-liang.

reasonable in any event — what then is the reason for the apparent lack of enthusiasm?

An analysis of the men's singles reveals the startling fact that of the 12 entries, no fewer than six are from the "B" Division, three from Free Lances and a similar number from Kowloon Tong.

Their most optimistic supporters will hardly concede any of these players, with the possible exception of J. L. Anderson, much of a chance. They themselves probably feel the same way about it. And yet theirs is the spirit to be commended. An adventurous spirit which places their love of the game and their desire to learn before any prospect of possible gain.

The six players from the Senior Division, without exception, represent the cream of the talent of the three most powerful teams in the Colony, University, Recreio and Chinese "Y."

The conclusion to be drawn therefore is that the majority of Colony badminton players have not entered because they did not feel reasonably certain of winning a prize.

What a deplorable spirit!

There is little more to be said. While that attitude persists, the local association might just as well pack up as the people for whom they cater are not worth troubling about.

DEPARTURE OF THE R.W. FUSILIERS LEAVES BIG GAP IN COLONY SPORT

ARMY RUGBY SUFFERS BIG LOSS

BLOW TO KOWLOON F.C.

(By "REFEREE")

COLONY sports circles were the poorer last Friday afternoon following the departure of the Transport Dunera, which carried away from the Colony the Royal Welch Fusiliers, after a stay of three years in Hong Kong.

ALTHOUGH THE FUSILIERS' SOCCER SIDE NEVER CARRIED OFF ANY MAJOR SOCCER TROPHY, THEY WERE ALWAYS WELL TO THE FORE IN LOCAL COMPETITIONS, SUPPLYING ONE INTERPORTER IN L/CPL. EVANS, WHO, UNTIL RECENTLY, PLAYED FOR KOWLOON IN THE FIRST DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE.

The Fusiliers, however, made their best impression at Rugby, and in 1935 were largely responsible for the Army winning the much coveted Triangular Tournament trophy. The success of the Army Rugby team was due to the untiring efforts of Lieut. J. A. M. Rice-Evans, probably the most popular sports secretary the Hong Kong Area Sports Board has had for many a season.



RIDING BOY SERIOUSLY INJURED

THROWN ONTO IRON STANCHION

(By "RAPIER")

An accident of a serious nature occurred yesterday morning during the training gallops, a Chinese riding boy by the name of Tao Kai-po being involved.

He took out The Scholar, a 1938 subscription griffin belonging to Isis, for its usual morning exercise and when reaching the 1 3/4-mile post the pony suddenly stumbled, as a result of which Tao was thrown forward towards the rail. Before landing on the ground, however, his face came into contact with an iron stanchion, causing a deep cut just under his nose and a wound above the left eye-brow.

Immediate assistance was forthcoming, and on being helped back to the stables it was found that his injury necessitated medical attention. He was rushed to St. Paul's Hospital, where he is still being detained under the care of Dr. Bunje.

TENNYSON'S XI IN BOMBAY LOW SCORING

Bombay, Saturday.

At close of play to-day, Lord Tennyson's XI had scored 209 for 7 (Edrich 56, Worthington 68) in reply to All-India's score of 131. Pope took 5 for 49, while Wellard captured 4 for 59.)

The Fusiliers supplied six of the players in the winning fifteen, these being Preece (full-back), who later became their scrum-half, L/Cpl. (47) Jones (right-wing threequarters), Lieut. J. A. M. Rice-Evans (right-centre threequarter), Fus. Floyd (stand-off-half), Fus. Chaney (second-row forward) and Fus. Morgan (wing-forward).

With the departure of the Royal Welch Fusiliers to Shanghai last year, Colony sports circles, especially Rugby and football, suffered, while Lieut. Lewis, one of the fastest sprinters among Army swimmers, was also badly missed.

KOWLOON HELPED OUT

The Fusiliers, however, left a detail behind in the Colony, five soccer players joining the Kowloon Football Club, three playing in the first division with conspicuous success.

Rowlands had already made his mark as a soccer custodian before the departure of the Fusiliers, and in securing him Kowloon considerably strengthened their weakest position. Evans' inclusion in the Kowloon half-back line also had the desired effect, while Coakley has been featured in some splendid performances at forward.

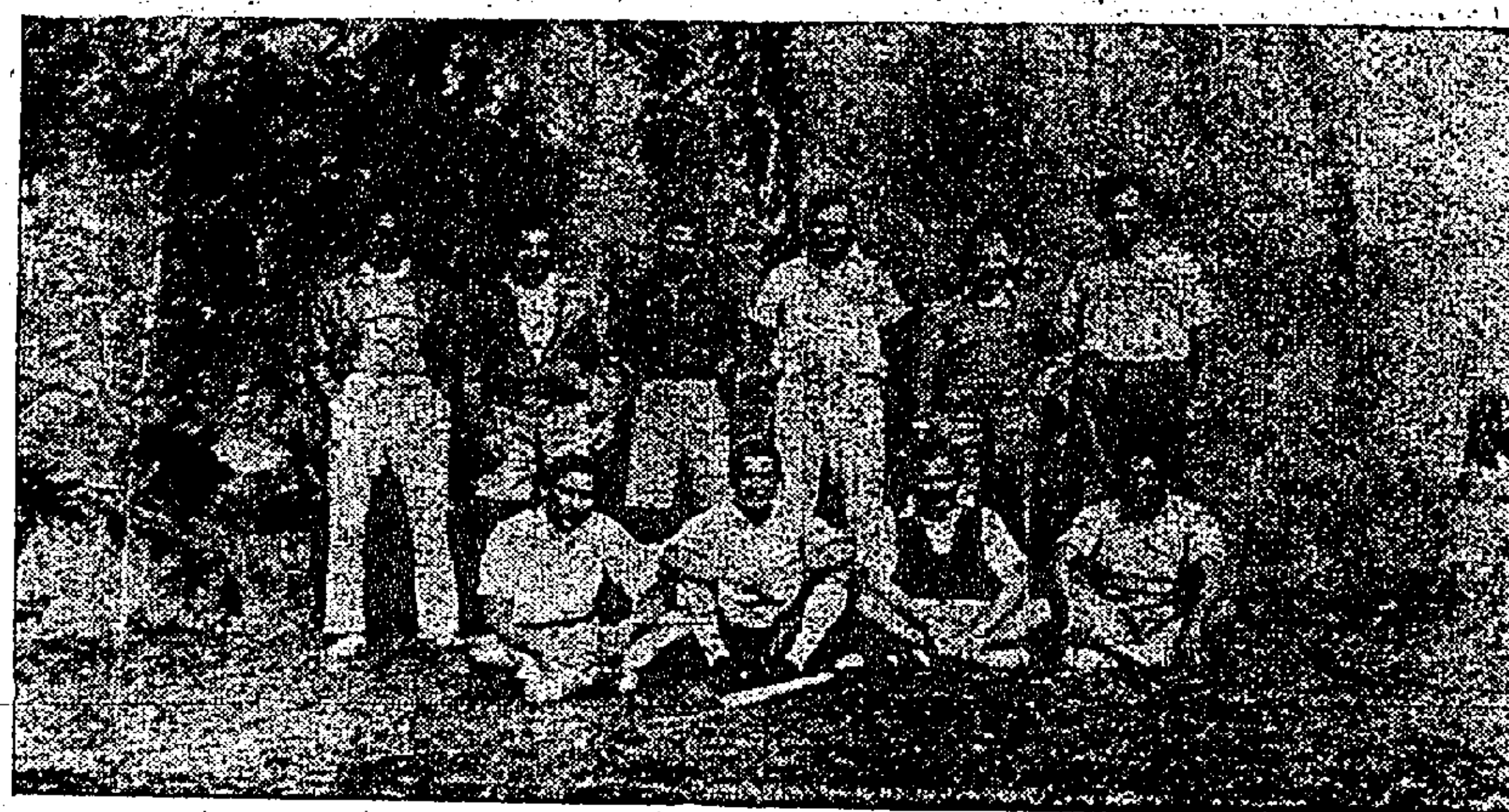
Vale and Johns, two members of the Fusilier junior-teams, played for Kowloon juniors with some measure of success.

Rowlands' display between the sticks for Kowloon is reflected in their present position in the League team. There is little doubt that he would have filled the position in goal for the Colony team against the Islington Corinthians in a fortnight's time.

PRESENTATION

Rowlands, Evans, Coakley, Vale and Johns were the recipients of silver cigarette cases from the Committee and members of the Kowloon Football Club a few days before their departure from the Colony. Major Manners, in making the presentations, made reference to the fine sportsmanship of these five players during their short period with the Kowloon team.

Rowlands replied on behalf of the five players and paid a tribute to "Sonny" Bliss' captaincy of the Kowloon team.



Members of the No. 3, Machine-Gun Company Softball team. Standing: Winch; Wing Lee; Francis Zimmern; E. Zimmern; Porter, Manager and Captain; and A. Zimmern. Sitting: Rapley; Anderson; Hung and Madar.

SOUTH CHINA TOO GOOD FOR ROYAL SCOTS

An interesting friendly football match was witnessed yesterday at Caroline Hill, where South China met the Royal Scots in a friendly encounter and emerged the winners by 4 goals to 1, a great display by Duncan, in the losers' goal, featuring the match.

South China fielded an experimental eleven before making their final choice for the team to represent them against the Islington Corinthians, next Saturday, and must have been very pleased with the results.

Fung King-cheong and his satellites were in splendid fettle and the Scots' defence went through a harrowing time, only Duncan's performance in goal saving them from a greater defeat.

CHAN SHINES

Chan Tak-fai is fast becoming one of the best leaders in the Colony and his understanding with Fung King-cheong and Lai Shiu-wing was well-nigh perfect. The weather having cleared up, the

ground was in almost perfect condition, although slightly on the heavy side, and this suited the Chinese to a "T".

South China yesterday took the opportunity of changing their intermediate line after the interval, Lim Tak-po playing in the first half and Lee Kwok-wai, in the second.

There was little doubt after yesterday's display that Lee Kwok-wai has passed his best, and that Lim Tak-po will probably be his successor in the South China "A" team.

The Scots have a fine leader in Hossocks, who netted a fine goal during the second-half, and it speaks volumes for his capabilities after the way he was shadowed by Lau Hing-choi in the second half.

Cheong Moon-wing and Chan Tak-fai scored in the first half, while Clark (own goal) and Cheung Moon-wing completed South China's tally. Hossocks scored the Royal Scots' only goal in the closing minutes.

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SWIMMING FEAT BY DUTCH GIRL

Amsterdam, To-day.

Miss Eit van Feggelen, a newcomer in swimming circles, brought the women's 400 Metres back-stroke record back to Holland yesterday when she clocked 5 mins. 41 4-10 secs. The previous record was held by Miss Ragnhild Hveger, of Denmark, who clocked 5 mins. 44 5-10 secs.—Reuter.

P. B. Leckie, who played so well at stand-off half for the London Scottish against Merchistonians is still at school. He quite held his own with G. A. D. Lamb, the regular Melrose pivot.

POPULAR BOXER LEAVES RING IN TEARS

London, January 11. Frank Hough, of Battersea, Britain's newest boxing star, pushed away his advisers and ran through the crowd to his dressing room at Earl's Court, S.W., last night, after being disqualified for the first time in his career.

His contest with Marcel Lauriot, cruiserweight champion of France, at the National Sporting Club tournament, had lasted four and a half minutes when the Frenchman dropped to the boards, claspings his stomach.

The timekeeper had begun to toll

the count when Mr. Moss Deyong, the referee, ordered Hough to his corner and declared Lauriot the winner.

BURST INTO TEARS

For nearly a minute Hough stood in his corner, bewildered. Then he ran to Lauriot's aid, trying to help the Frenchman's seconds to assist him to his corner.

Having done this Hough went back to his own corner and burst into tears. A little later he again crossed to the Frenchman's corner and appealed to the interpreter to tell Lauriot how sorry he was.

IRISH RUGBY FIFTEEN TO MEET SCOTLAND

London, To-day.

The following have been selected to represent Ireland against Scotland in the International Rugby series, at Edinburgh on February 26:

Craig (Queen's University); O'Connor (Blackrock College); A. H. Bailey (University College, Dublin); L. B. McMahon (Blackrock College) and F. G. Moran (Clontarf); G. E. Crome (Queen's University) and G. J. Morgan (Clontarf); R. Alexander (North of Ireland); Irwin (North of Ireland); C. R. Graves (Wanderers); Kennedy (Bradford) and A. O'Loughlin (University College); E. Ryan (Dolphin); G. Tierney (University College, Cork) and S. Walker (Istonians).—Reuter.

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YOUNGSTER ATTAINING TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

(By "OLD HAND")

Glasgow, December 4.

INTERNATIONAL football is making big demands on the ingenuity of the men of all countries who are appointed selectors of the teams to do duty. This remark applies particularly to those of Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. Time was when, year after year, certain players "picked themselves," so to speak.

IT WAS FAIRLY SAFE TO WAGER THAT YOU COULD CHOOSE, FOR EXAMPLE, EIGHT OF THE PLAYERS WHO WOULD WEAR SCOTLAND'S COLOURS IN MOST OF THE SEASON'S REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES. AT PRESENT IT WOULD SEEM THAT IT IS MORE EASY TO CHOOSE EIGHT STAR PLAYERS WHO WILL NOT WEAR THE COLOURS.

It is not stretching matters too far to say that our selectors appear to have an umbrage against many fine players who operate at home here. Or should I say that the selectors acquire an amazing liking for players in England who only a short time before being transferred were regarded as not at all likely to get a cap when their respective Scots clubs.

I could instance many such players. One will suffice—Robert Ancell, who when with St. Mirren was surely seldom mentioned in an international connection, yet who was chosen for Scotland but a short time after joining Newcastle United.

THE ANGLO ANGLE

Assuming that a completely new team had to be chosen for Scotland, and that the following eleven had been a season or so with the English clubs I have linked with their names, would not, I seriously ask you, almost all of them be chosen for even as important a game as that against England:—

Waugh (Derby County); Carabine (Sunderland) and R. G. D. Gordon (Chelsea); Geatons (Everton), Dykes (Arsenal), and A. Miller (Preston, North End); M'Spadyen (Liverpool), M'Kennan (Liverpool), Keyes (Brentford), Black (Arsenal), and M'Caskie (Bolton Wanderers)?

ONCE IN HEADLINES

One season in the glare of the English limelight, in the headlines of the English papers, in the, in some cases, easily acquired public popularity—and your place in a Scottish team is assured! About the only player of my acquaintance who has always been in the public eye and in the complimentary Press notices, and who has failed to catch the attention of our selectors is little Sammy Black, who joined Plymouth Argyle as a left winger

from Kirkintilloch Rob Roy well over a season ago.

Let's have a look around now in an effort to find other players who have either attained to international standard here, or who, being young, will be of that standard in a very few years.

SOME GOOD NAMES

Should Jerry Dawson be unable to play at any time, Peter M'Arthur, of Motherwell; Bert Johnstone, of Partick Thistle; or J. Brown, of Clyde, could step in. And we mustn't forget G. Jenkins, Dawson's deputy at Ibrox, or the young fellows, G. M'Kie, of Falkirk, and R. Henderson, Partick Thistle. I do believe that when Dawson does finish with international football—which may not be for a long time—either Henderson or M'Kie will be his natural successor. By that time they will be right on top.

For right back there is a young fellow who, in a less unfortunate team than Greenock Morton, would even now be catching the eye of selectors who contrive to look ahead more than a few months—M. Maley. Here is a coming player, one with the gifts of a natural exponent of full-back play. Not tall, yet powerful, and quick in the tackle. An excellent placer, too. Maley is a lad to watch.

M'CLURE'S ADVANCE

I am of opinion that with an-



other season over his head, D. F. M'Clure, of Hearts, will be in the forefront. This ex-Troon man has made unexpected improvement. This is natural, however, when we consider that the whole team have shown signs of settling into a game where man gets an opportunity to develop his style in the right way. With first-class colleague a young player could be written down as unintelligent were he to fail to improve in every way, and in particular in positional tactics. M'Clure has a great chance with Waugh behind him, Anderson alongside him, and Miller in front of him.

In the same category is A. Winning, of Rangers. Dawson behind, Gray alongside, and George Brown in front—what more can a young fellow want?

ANOTHER RANGER HALF

Possibly another Rangers' half will be next in line for a cap—either J. M'Killip or R. Ross. These lads can play the real football. But neither is a better man than J. Laurie, the Lanarkshire boy, who has taken Guthrie's place in the Dundee team—and has done so well that Dundee the other day sent a cheque for £10 to his junior club, Newarthill, in appreciation of Laurie's services!

For left-half we have F. Dunlop, of Aberdeen, G. Paterson, of Celtic, and—this will come—W. Rice, of Hibernians. Quite a long time now since Hibernians gave a player to international football. Rice may be the first to break the run, but he naturally has a good way to go.

CENTRE FORWARD CHOICES

For right wing there are Ogilvie, of Motherwell, D. Christie, of Queen's Park, and J. Fiddes, of Rangers. At inside-right, M. M'Donald, of Celtic, must be in the honours list. Centre-forward is very often the most debated position. But surely from Keyes, of Falkirk, Martin, of Queen's Park, and G. Wilson, of Clyde, we could pick one nippy enough to finish off the work of a really good front rank. And in a short time, I reckon, W. J. Finnegan, of Hibs, and W. Thornton, of Rangers, will be catching the eye.

In addition to Black for inside-left we have Christie, of Queen's, who has revealed extraordinary versatility by developing into the best man in the position since J. B. M'Alpine—and probably a more profitable. Outside-left should never worry us, Gillies, of Clyde, M'Nee, of Hamilton, Kinnear, of Rangers, and Caskie, of St. Johnstone—all excellent lads. And, coming on rapidly, is John Deakin, of St. Mirren.

If we can't build a team out of that material—well, I'll count myself a bad judge!

F. A. CUP SURPRISES

ARSENAL BEATEN AT HIGHBURY

GALLANT YORK AGAIN

London, Saturday.

The following are the results of Home football matches played last Saturday.

F.A. CUP (FIFTH ROUND)

York	1	Middlesbrough	0
Luton	1	Manchester C.	3
Charlton	1	Aston Villa	1
Arsenal	0	Preston	1
Sunderland	1	Bradford	0
Brentford	2	Manchester U.	0
Liverpool	0	Huddersfield	1
Chesterfield	2	Tottenham	2

SCOTTISH CUP

(SECOND ROUND)

Aberdeen	5	St. J'stone	1
St. Bernards	1	King's Park	1
Partick	1	Cowdenbeath	0
Lambert			
Amateurs	2	Morton	3
Stenhousemuir	1	Motherwell	1
East Fife	5	Dundee	
		United	0
Celtic	5	Nithsdale	0
Raith	9	Edinburgh	2
Rangers	3	Queen	
		O'South	1
Queen's Park	1	Ayr	1
Falkirk	3	St. Mirren	2
Hamilton	5	Forfar	1
Ross County	2	Albion R.	5
Kilmarnock			bye.

FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea	3	Portsmouth	1
Derby	3	Blackpool	1
Grimsby	4	Birmingham	0
Leeds	1	West Brom.	0
Leicester	1	Bolton	1

SECOND DIVISION

Bury	4	Fulham	2
Burnley	1	Barnsley	0
Coventry	1	Newcastle	0
Southampton	1	Blackburn	0
Swansea	1	Notts. F.	0
West Ham	1	Wednesday	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	5	Walsall	0
Brighton	1	Northampton	2
Bristol C.	1	Reading	0
Clapton O.	2	Torquay	0
Exeter	0	Swindon	0
Gillingham	2	Swindon	0
Newport	0	Crystal P.	0
Notts C.	2	Cardiff	0
Queen's P.R.	4	Bristol R.	0
Southend	0	Mansfield	1
Watford	1	Millwall	1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	3	Southport	0
Carlisle	2	Bradford C.	0
Chester	4	Doncaster	0
Crewe	4	Barrow	0
Darlington	2	Hartlepool	0
Gateshead	3	Hull	2
N. Brighton	0	Tranmere	1
Oldham	2	Lincoln	2
Port Vale	2	Wrexham	0
Rotherham	1	Rochdale	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Kilmarnock	3	Hearts	1

SECOND DIVISION

Airdrie	10	Brechin	0
Montrose	0	Dumbarton	0

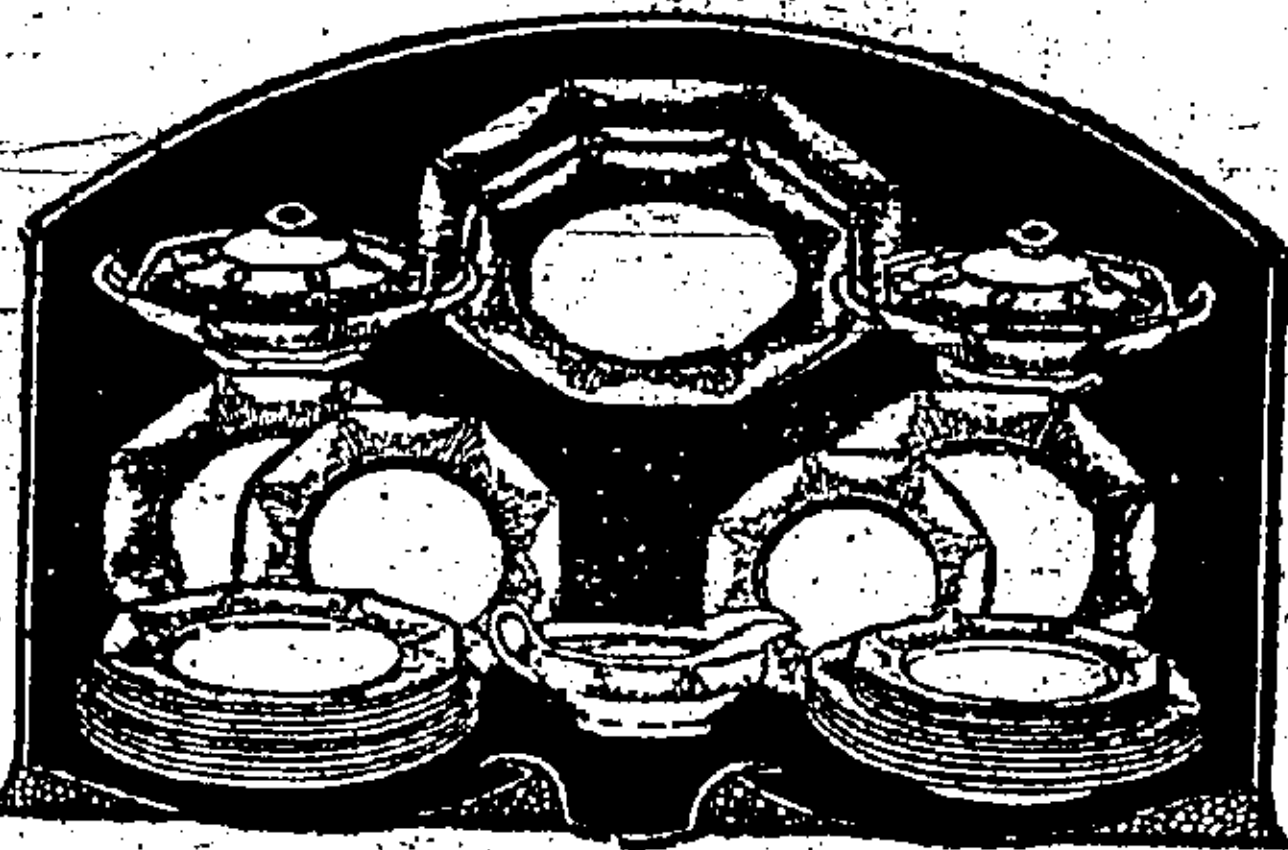
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12.30 p.m.—Songs by Kitty Masters. Sweetheart, Let's Grow Old Together (Bratton and Edwards).

When The Swallows Nest Again (Stevens and Edmund).

Where Yorkshire And Lancashire Meet (Butler, Damerell and Evans).

12.40 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

Six 'Hits' Of The Day—Series 6. 'On With The Show'—Selection. Don't Save Your Smiles (Davis-Coots-Fio Rito).

She Came From Alsace Lorraine (Hida-Carr).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. Fanfare—Selection.

Debroy Somers Band with vocal chorus by Dan Donovan.

'Crest of the Wave' (Hassall and Ivor Novello).

Haven Of Your Heart—Olive Gilbert (Contralto) acc. by The Drury Lane Theatre Orch.

Rose Of England—Edgar Elmes (Baritone) acc. by The Drury Lane Theatre Orch.

Song Of The Flame—Selection.

The Cuckcos—Selection (Kalmar and Ruby).

Van Phillips and His Concert Band with Vocal Chorus.

'Bitter Sweet' (Coward)—Zigeuner.

Peggy Wood (Soprano).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Latest Variety Records.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.00-8.05 p.m.—European Programme.

8.05-11.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

5.00 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

6.15 p.m.—For the Children.

6.30 p.m.—A Relay of Speeches and Short Commentary on the Opening

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7.00 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Sons Of The Sea (Coleridge-Taylor).

So It Goes On (from 'Swing is in the Air'—Gay).

Red, White And Blue ('Swing is in the Air'—Gay).

7.10 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Music Hall with The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Relay from the Po King Theatre.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

8.05 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto In A Minor, Op. 54.

Played by Alfred Cortot (Piano) and The London Philharmonic Orch. conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

8.37 p.m.—Organ Music.

Choral Prelude ('In Thee Is Joy'—Bach).

Marcel Dupre at the Organ of Alexandra Palace, London.

Toccata From Symphony No. 5 (Widor).

Charles-Marie Widor at the Organ of Saint-Sulpice, Paris.

Toccata (from 'Esquisses Byzantines'—Mulet).

Larghetto (S. S. Wesley).

G. D. Cunningham.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—'Empire Exchange'.

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.15 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Pomp And Circumstances March No. 1 (Sir Edward Elgar).

Marche Lorraine (Ganne).

March Of The Mountain Gnomes (R. Eilenberg).

The Mill In The Black Forest (R. Eilenberg).

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Gracie Fields (Vocal) and

Billy Mayerl (Piano).

A Feather In Her Tyrolean Hat (Annette Mills).

Did Your Mother Come From Ireland? (Kennedy-Carr).

Gracie Fields.

Limehouse Blues (Braham—trans. Mayerl).

Orange Blossom (Mayerl).

Billy Mayerl.

What Archibald Says, Goes (Casting).

Falling In Love Again (film 'The Blue Angel').

Gracie Fields.

Helen—Selection (Offenbach—arr. Korngold).

Have You Forgotten? (Suesse).

Billy Mayerl.

10.15 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—

'Revueville' Memories (Windmill Theatre Selections—R. Burrows).

London Theatre Orchestra.

Comedian—

Keep Your Seats Please (from the film).

When I'm Cleaning Windows (film 'Keep Your Seats Please').

George Formby with his Ukulele.

10.30 p.m.—Latest Dance Records.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—

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GSB 9.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)

G.M.T.

8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'In Town Tonight.'

8.45 a.m.—'The Way of Peace Collective Security and Regional Pacts.' Speaker: H. Wickham Steed. Interlocutor: Lord Ponsonby.

9.15 a.m.—Light Music by British Composers.

10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.

10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—

GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (18.86 m.)

GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Leslie James, at the Organ of the Rialto Cinema, Coventry.

11.15 a.m.—Music Hall.

12.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

12.25 p.m.—The BBC Welsh Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—'Empire Exchange.'

1.15 p.m.—Recital by Esther Fisher (New Zealand Pianist).

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (18.86 m.)

GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)

GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.

2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. Syncopation and Song.

2.15 p.m.—'All Kinds of People—My work as a Theatrical Manager and Agent.' A talk by Bert Aza.

2.30 p.m.—'The Microphone at Large.' A Visit to Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

3.00 p.m.—The Hastings Municipal Orchestra.

3.30 p.m.—'In Town Tonight.'

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Music by Arthur Sullivan.

4.30 p.m.—'Friends to Tea.' A vest-pocket vaudeville.

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

SIGNALLING

Generalities are dangerous guides. Take the matter of signalling. The defender who follows suit to his partner's or adversary's lead with a low card generally desires a shift; a high card generally demands a continuation. This is all very well for beginners, but advanced players seek greater precision. The words "high" and low are, after all, purely comparative. The hand recorded below brought "my pair" a good match-point score, simply because both players were able to make the proper distinction between a four-spot and a deuce.

NORTH
S—J 9 5 3 2

H—A 8

D—10 8 4

C—9 7 3

WEST

EAST

S—10 8 6

S—7

H—Q 4 3

H—J 10 7 6 5 2

D—A 7 3

D—9 5 2

C—A K J 6

C—Q 4 2

SOUTH

S—A K Q 4

H—K 9

D—K Q J 6

C—10 8 5

The bidding [East-West vulnerable]:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	Double	2 spades	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"My team" sat East-West on this board. West opened the club king, and East gave the best signal available to him by playing the four. Declarer followed with the five. Despite the fact that West "missed" the deuce, he could not be

certain enough of its location to continue clubs at this point. Declarer might well be false-carding with the Q-5-2.

Since West still had control of the diamond suit, he decided to try for a heart trick. Accordingly he led a low heart. Dummy played the ace, and East followed with the deuce. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, on the second of which East discarded the diamond deuce. Declarer, then led to his diamond king. West won, and promptly laid down the ace and another club, holding the opponents to three-odd.

The point involved in this hand may seem absurdly simple, but I took the pains to find out what had happened at other tables. In five separate instances four spades had been made, although not bid. The various West had refused to view the club four as a come-on signal and had maintained their A-J tenace position to the bitter end, waiting for the play to come to them. This had permitted the declarers to discard a club from dummy on the long diamond.

The conversation between East and West at the table I was watching was significant. East said: "I certainly was afraid of that four of clubs. I was tempted to play the queen to tell you to come on, but naturally I could not be sure you had the A-K-J." West's answer was eloquent: "So now you're beginning to worry that I'm blind! Didn't you think that by comparison with your deuce of diamonds and your deuce of hearts, your four of clubs would look as big as a house?"

What's On At the Cinemas

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ber baron, who in his youth had given up love for power and is mocked by his own decision when he falls madly in love with the daughter of the woman he once loved to find his own son his successful rival.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th February, 1938.

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Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1938.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 14th February to Saturday the 26th February 1938 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the

Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1938.

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Last day of entry

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LONDON SILENT ON JAPANESE NAVY REPLY

London, To-day.

The Japanese reply to Britain regarding naval building has been received in London, but hitherto there has been no time for its consideration by British officials.

It is understood that consultation between Britain, France and the United States, started before the query was put to Japan, will be continued, and it is pointed out that as Germany and Russia are linked with the Naval Treaty, there will obviously, at some later stage, have to be communications with these two powers.—Reuter.

While Miss J. Batley, residing at Sai fee Street, was walking in Nathan Road yesterday her handbag containing \$40 was snatched by a Chinese.

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M.P. HAS NO TIME TO SEE HIS SON

So He Is Resigning
His Seat

Sir Paul Latham, 32-year-old member of Parliament for Scarborough, and Whitby, has announced his decision not to contest his seat at the next General Election.

The reason for this decision he gives in a letter to the Chairman of the Scarborough Conservative and Unionist Association.

"The reason for my decision is that my son is now nearly four years of age," Sir Paul writes. "and he will go to school and be away from home in five or six more years. I find my parliamentary duties in London, combined with a big constituency in the north of England, and a house in Sussex that has increased in its responsibilities during the last few years, does not leave me enough time to see as much of him as is proper for a father to see of his only child."

Sir Paul married Lady Patricia Moore, daughter of the Earl of Drogheda, 1933, and their son Richard was born in 1934.

Three years ago Sir Paul began restoring his country house, Hurstmonceaux Castle, in Sussex, at a cost of £200,000. It is a 15th century house, reputed to be haunted by the ghost of a drummer.

At the last election he had a majority of 6,542 over his Liberal opponent, Mr. J. Ramsay Muir.

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Hsuehchow, To-day.

According to an official communique, Pengpu and other points held by the Japanese were again subjected to heavy bombing by Chinese planes yesterday with the result that extensive damage was done. A huge military supply depot at the railway station at Pengpu was wrecked.

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